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City Council Minutes, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, May 23, 1960

The City Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Perdue, Porter, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Bott. Mr. Bott coming in at 4:05 P.M.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of May 16, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.

Mayor Hanson explained that a request was made to consider Resolution No. 16139 at this time. He stated that if there were no objections he would reverse the order of business for the consideration of this Resolution.

There being no objections from the Council, the order of business was then reversed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16139 (Postponed from the meeting of May 16, 1960)

BY REQUEST OF CVITANICH:

Authorizing the Legal Dept., 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.

Mr. Al Disbro, representing the Joint Committee of the City Employees Union, said they would like to have the Resolution postponed for one week so that additional study can be made on the subject.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday, seconded by Mrs. Price to postpone the Resolution for one week to May 31, 1960. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bott.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

Mr. Bott coming in at this time.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on Leach Creek as requested by Mr. Piper and Mr. Carlson.

Mayor Hanson explained that this hearing was granted in order to allow Mr. Piper and Mr. Carlson an opportunity to submit any new material or information relative to the problem of Leach Creek.

Mr. Mladinov, Attorney representing Mr. Piper and Mr. Carlson, said he was not appealing to the City Council for damage claims for past floods but wanted to point out several matters and indicate in a general way what the Council should do in the event of future damages. He said he understood from the ruling of the City Attorney that the City is not obliged to pay for past damages to

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Mr. Piper and Mr. Carlson for damages to their land. This ruling, he said, will preclude the entire Council from offering, if it were so inclined, any money to Mr. Carlson or Mr. Piper for these damages.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained that in order for the records to be clear, both Mr. Piper and Mr. Carlson have filed claims against the City for past damages. After their claims were investigated, based on the data received from the Engineer Dept. and other sources, the claims were denied on the basis that the City was not liable. He said in no event could a compromise settlement be reached.

Mr. Steele asked if Mr. Mladinov, representing Mr. Carlson and Mr. Piper, were appealing to the Council on the denial of the claim.

Mayor Hanson advised that this is not to be considered as an appeal.

Mr. Mladinov advised this was not an appeal of the denial for money damages based on the ruling of Mr. McCormick for past damages done.

Mr. McCormick advised that as far as the action is concerned Mr. Mladinov has the right to present his suit to the Superior Court any time within three years of the time it was denied. Mr. McCormick said he believed Mr. Mladinov's purpose at today's meeting was to point out the damages, in his opinion, that have been done and to see if some corrective measures can be taken.

Mr. Mladinov said he is appearing before Council as he recognizes there is a problem and is offering suggestions for some solution of the problem.

Mr. Mladinov displayed photographs taken near Mr. Piper and Mr. Carlson's property pointing out the damages. He said something should and could be done to develop the land ~~to develop the land~~ west of Pearl Street and south in the general area of So. 26th Street.

He said on August 20, 1956 Brown and Caldwell were retained and asked to make a sewage report. This report was made hastily by the fact that the City of Fircrest desired to pave a street. He said they approached the City of Tacoma and inquired if the City wanted to install the sewer under the street prior to its being paved. Brown and Caldwell were asked how the area west of Pearl and So. 26th Street could be drained. They submitted four alternatives and the fourth alternative was to impound the storm drainage below Fircrest to keep the peak rate of discharge within the carrying capacity of the creek.

On page 3 of the same report, for the second condition, 160 acre feet a basin of 80 acres with 2 feet variation in level would be needed to keep the peak flow at or below 70 cubic feet per second. If that rate of flow is found to exceed carrying capacity of the creek, either larger basins or stream bed improvement is indicated.

He said this report was studied by the City Manager and Mr. Staman, the Director of Public Works at that time. A letter was submitted by Mr. Staman dated August 16, 1956 indicating that the storm drains be built through Fircrest and the storm trunks and laterals be built above So. 19th and also an impounding area below Fircrest which would regulate the flow to the valley below. This would appear to be a practical solution to the complex problem facing the City, Mr. Mladinov added.

In paragraph 5 of the same report there is a suggestion that if the City regulates the storm flow by impounding reservoir below Fircrest to 70 cubic feet, the eventual increase in run-off and the greater volume of flow in the lower reaches of the creek will be from land other than Tacoma and Fircrest. Also an impounding area and regulated water over-flow be established in the swampy area below Fircrest and that the property be obtained very soon at a cost of approximately \$20,000. The Dam and regulating facilities would be constructed as soon as record storm flows would indicate such improvements are needed and probably within the next five years.

Mr. Staman's report was incorporated in MC-91, dated August 17, 1956 and in Paragraph 5 of the MC it states that natural bog located south of Fircrest will tend to retard and in some instance impound water considerably without the necessity of constructing regulating facilities for several years.

Mr. Mladinov said a Resolution was adopted by the City Council in 1956 authorizing the City to borrow \$235,000 to install the pipe under the streets of Fircrest. That \$235,000 was made available from the L I D Guaranty Fund and placed in the General Fund. He added that only \$188,463.44 of that \$235,000 was spent; and roughly \$45,000 remains in the General Fund which was for the purpose of building the holding basin.

Mr. Mladinov stated that the Brown & Caldwell Report of 1957 stated that in every instance in which the City of Tacoma was utilizing a water course to carry away storm drainage, an impounding area was recommended.

He further added the report stated that larger cities should be aware of the problems of people outside of their borders when a portion of the stream in which the water was being dumped was located within the City limits.

He said this stream does not come within the City limits at all, and even more consideration should be paid to the problems, he said. The water in the creek does not belong to the City of Tacoma, but to the State of Washington and is within the specific control of the State both as to amount, use, subtraction, change, direction and content. As a result, the State of Washington and the City held a series of meetings in which the importance of Leach Creek was discussed.

Mr. Mladinov pointed out the City should meet this problem "head on" and if contributions are required from Pierce County or Fircrest, it should be taken into consideration. He said the time has long past since the impounding area should be constructed, which was promised to the people in 1956. Authority was given at that time for the acquisition or condemnation of the land for this project; he added he did not know how much had been accomplished on this portion of the project.

Mr. Easterday asked if he thought the impounding basin would solve the situation.

Mr. Mladinov stated that both the 1956 and 1957 Brown & Caldwell Reports had recommended the impounding basin and that the Council ratified both of the Reports.

Mr. Murtland asked if Mr. Mladinov had inspected the property both above and below Mr. Carlson and Mr. Piper's land.

Mr. Mladinov said he did not know whether other property had been damaged to the extent of that of his clients.

Mayor Hanson advised that if they proceed further in this matter they would then be discussing the portions which should be left for the Courts to decide; that is, with reference to the City's liability to a particular piece of property.

Mr. Mladinov stated this all started with the assumption that this problem could be solved and that the people on Leach Creek would not be affected by it as they feared they would be.

He added that it is a calculated risk and possibly 70 cubic feet of water can flow in this stream without any damage to the beds and banks, but geological figures show this amount has not been reached as yet. Mr. Mladinov said there is harm being done to the creek even though the 70 cubic foot figure had not been reached.

Now is the time to proceed with the impounding area and waiting until more damage has been done is not good for the City or the people in the area, he added.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Rowlands to fill in the Council on the plans for the holding basin.

Mr. Rowlands advised there has been a great deal of discussion regarding the location of the holding basin. The city of Fircrest was not impressed with the location, and the School Board had been discussing this location as the possible site for a new school. With regard to the acquisition of the land, both the City Attorney's staff and the Public Works Department have been working on this matter.

Mr. Schuster explained that the areas have been acquired for the basin as late as the last two months and all of the property needed for the project is now owned by the City. The next step is the construction of the holding basin.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Schuster if there were any cost estimate for the project.

Mr. Schuster said it is estimated at a cost of \$50,000. He added that the original monies set up did not include the construction of the basin but only for the acquisition of the land.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Ralph Anderson, Engineer in the Department of Fisheries for the State of Washington, to speak at this time.

Mr. Anderson advised that he had been present at the original meeting in the City Manager's Office at which time discussion was held on the problems involved and what requirements their Department desired to protect the salmon in the stream.

He added that plans are underway for a new survey of critical stream sections to ascertain if spawning beds have been washed out. If they have, he added, the flow may have to be reduced.

Mr. Lyman Nielson, District Engineer for the Pollution Control Commission, advised that he was recently appointed to this district and was not totally familiar with the matter even though the material was in his files. He said he could only speak from generalities.

Pollution, he said, was anything that would reduce the use of a particular body of water. Added siltation is caused from excessive run-off and erosion and would be considered a form of pollution. It would reduce the value of the stream from its aesthetic values and would reduce the value as to fishing. He said the Pollution Control Commission would urge the City to go forth and build the impounding basin as previously planned.

Mr. Easterday asked if samples had been taken of the water during the big run-off to see if there was contamination to the point where it is unfit for the propagation of fish.

Mr. Nielson said samples had been run by the Fisheries Department but when there is visual evidence of pollution, samples are not taken. He said he was interested in knowing that the Engineering Staff has purchased property to complete a project which is recognized and recommended by the City's Consulting Engineers. It is important that steps be taken to complete this project and to instruct the Staff to proceed with full speed.

Mr. Murtland asked if this was one of the problems being considered by the Pollution Control Commission.

Mr. Nielsen answered that it was.

Mayor Hanson explained that he felt the entire Council is aware of the need for the holding basin. The main problem now is whether to proceed immediately with the construction. He asked Mr. Rowlands, what were the present plans for the development.

Mr. Rowlands said the present plans do not call for any construction for at least two or three years or until there is some indication that the run-off justifies the construction earlier.

Mr. Bott asked Mr. Nielsen if it were possible for alga to form in a stream like Leach Creek and if so, would it be formed by pollution and how would it affect the propagation of fish.

Mr. Nielsen stated that alga is a natural growth but that it could be aggravated and produced more abundantly by the addition of pollution. He said he had not inspected this particular area so he could not say whether it was caused by pollution or not.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if it were a part of the Brown & Caldwell report that the holding basin be constructed immediately or as soon as possible.

Mr. Rowlands replied that it was pointed out in the recommendation that it be done as soon as the acquisition of land was processed.

Mr. Schuster stated that they had not figured a definite time but it was anticipated it would be built when necessary.

Mr. Porter asked what was the cost of the acquisition of the property?

Mr. Rowlands replied that the commercial property cost \$14,250 and the balance \$16,000.

Mr. Porter then asked as to the yearly cost for maintenance and operation.

Mr. Schuster advised it would cost approximately \$2,000 or \$3,000 per year to maintain.

Mayor Hanson stated that until the survey by the Fisheries Department on the flow is made, it cannot be determined if the City should proceed immediately with the basin.

Mr. Porter asked if the rising cost of construction each year would offset the annual maintenance costs, the City might as well go ahead and construct the basin.

Mr. Hanson said that although the City was not intending the plan of construction prior to actual possibility it can be looked over and a great deal of this controversy can be eliminated.

Mr. Ray Fredericks of 6503 Flannigan Road stated that in September of 1958 he had built a 110 foot rock wall and by January of 1959 it was no longer of any use. He said they too, have had trees wash down the creek and damaging their property. He said he merely wished to point out that other damages have occurred in addition to that pointed out by Mr. Mladinov.

Mayor Hanson stated that the question now is the matter of the timing, and when the additional information is received from the Department of Fisheries and the various factors have been weighed, then it will be determined whether or not they will proceed immediately or at a later date.

Mr. Mladinov asked that he be notified when a meeting is scheduled between the City and the Department of Fisheries.

Mayor Hanson stated he did not know if any formal meeting was planned, as it is a matter of compilation of their findings, but would keep him informed of any developments.

Mayor Hanson advised that this will be considered by the Council after the reports are received from the State Department of Fisheries.

This is the date set for hearing on the reconsideration of Council's denial of the vacation of the street right-of-way, S. E. corner of 6th and Jackson Avenue.

Mayor Hanson explained that a request was submitted at the meeting of May 9th by Mr. Walker and Mr. Howard asking the Council to reconsider their action taken on the vacation of a 10 foot strip of right-of-way on either side of 6th Avenue east of Jackson Avenue, on May 4, at which time it was denied.

Mr. Easterday moved that an Ordinance be prepared vacating the S. E. corner of 6th and Jackson. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that in considering this vacation thought should also be given to the cost of a traffic light at this intersection, which would be of prime importance as people in the area would have access to free right turns onto Sixth Avenue.

Mr. Schuster pointed out that when curbs and gutters are installed in this area, they contemplate eliminating the extra right turn lane that is there at the present time. By doing this it will make the same type of intersection that is found elsewhere in the City.

Voice vote was taken on the motion to prepare an Ordinance vacating this property, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16125: (Postponed from the meeting of May 9, 1960) 138

Adopting the Generalized Land Use Plan as a part of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Tacoma.

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

Mr. Rowlands advised that this Generalized Land Use Plan is the same as that used by most cities, and must be brought up to date periodically. He called attention to two letters sent out to the Council; one, from Mr. McAbee, the Director of the Puget Sound Governmental Conference, in which he points out the very effective way in which the Planning Commission developed this particular plan.

The second letter was from Mr. Ray H. Renz, Chairman of the Industrial Sites Subcommittee of the Industrial Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Renz states that the plan is a most complete and extensive coverage of the problem and complies with the State Law. He also states that the plan is supported by the Industrial Bureau and they suggest the inclusion of a policy statement to encourage industrial park development of areas other than that presently set aside for industrial use.

Mr. Paul Benson, Assistant Planning Director, advised that a special study is in process at the present time on industrial park zoning and a recommendation will be forthcoming.

Mayor Hanson asked if it would be necessary to include this in the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Benson stated that the Commission might recommend an amendment to the plan at a later date.

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. 16145: (Postponed from the meeting of May 16, 1960)

Authorizing the Department of Public Works to accept the use of Water Division property for the construction and operation of the Yakima Avenue Bridge. 160

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

Mr. Rowlands explained this Resolution was set over from last week's meeting in order that an amendment could be made to paragraph 2 on the second page of the Resolution. He added that in checking with the City Attorney, he suggested that it be passed in its present form. He added if any differences of opinion develop on this particular point, it can be resolved by the Council and the determination made at a later date.

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. 16146:

LID 3512

Fixing Monday, June 13, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3512 for sanitary sewers in Skyline Drive from No. 18th to No. 24th; Hawthorne Drive from No. 18th to No. 24th; No. 18th from Hawthorne to Skyline; No. 24th from Hawthorne to Skyline Drive.

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

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. 16147:

Authorizing that all bids submitted for the purchase of two pumpers and one hose wagon for the Fire Department be rejected.

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

Mr. Melvin Swift, representing the American LaFrance Corporation, stated he is objecting to the fact the bids are being thrown out inasmuch as his prices have been revealed.

He said his company has been in existence for the past 125 years and in submitting their bids they felt the best possible price was quoted for this equipment. He said since these bids have been opened there has been several companies that have checked them and have advised they would bid a different type of engine if these bids were thrown out and a new call for bids was issued.

He said he felt this was unethical inasmuch as his company bid the motor and pump which are the two main features of the apparatus plus the additional equipment.

He said the City would not have called for this motor or apparatus unless a survey had been made to ascertain if this particular apparatus would be satisfactory.

He said his company has built over 3,000 pieces of this equipment, which has a written guarantee; also they will guarantee the stock parts on all apparatus manufactured by them for a minimum of 20 years and on the balance of the apparatus for 5 years.

He asked that reconsideration be given on the matter and that they be awarded the bid as they were the low bidder.

Mr. Easterday asked if the American LaFrance Co. had offices in this area.

Mr. Swift advised their offices were in Seattle.

Mr. Bott asked what exceptions were made on the bid submitted.

Mr. Swift said the specs called for a slide-on tray for the batteries, but their bid was for a raise and lift to the side lid which makes it fully accessible.

Mr. Rowlands advised that the low bidder did not meet the specifications and American LaFrance Company were over the City's estimate. He said after the bids were reviewed, they felt it would be advantageous to draw new specifications and call for new bids.

Mr. Steele said he was concerned over the publicity dependent upon Mr. Swift's company's figures, inasmuch as their figures were disclosed.

Mr. Rowlands stated that any time the bids exceed the City's estimates, the City Council can reject all bids.

Mr. Swift said he could not see where their bid could be any lower. If the specifications were changed on the motor it would rule them out from bidding, he added.

Mayor Hanson stated that there is a problem with reference to the specifications for the motors. First all of the bids were over the estimates. Secondly, there is a contention on both sides; whereas, if the specifications are changed someone is bound to be eliminated, but the City seeks to obtain the most economical price.

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. 16148;

Awarding contract to E. J. Rody & Sons, for the construction of storm drains in N. E. 38th Street extension from Browns Point Blvd. to 100 feet south of Marine View Drive on their bid of \$20,961.00 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Mr. Cvitanich asked if a basic over-lay map could be displayed when a Resolution such as this is presented.

Mr. Rowlands explained in order to make the map effective it should be set in possibly 12 or 14 sections. This could be done, but it would take a little time and also some funds would have to be available.

Mr. Bott suggested that a projector be used, thus, saving the expense of enlarging all the maps, etc.

Mr. Schuster stated his department had tried this method but it was not easily seen from various parts of the room.

Mr. Cvitanich again explained the over-lay map would be one that could be pulled down; one map showing the basic plan of the City, a second showing the streets, and another the sewers, etc.

Mayor Hanson said the object of the suggestion was clear, and suggested that the staff try to work out some satisfactory arrangement.

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. 16149:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Company for L I D 4544 in the amount of \$79,911.30 on the basic proposal and \$589.00 plus tax on the supplemental proposal which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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Resolution No. 16150:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Company for the construction of the Yakima Avenue Bridge Work Order No. 73057 on their bid of \$964,199.18 on the alternate proposal for prestressed concrete, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Mr. Easterday stated that he understood that if this Bridge is to be paid from the current funds they would not be recommending a prestressed concrete bridge in place of the steel bridge. There is a difference, he said, of some \$26,000 or \$27,000 which could be saved by the City. He said the Tacoma Avenue Bridge was given its first coat of paint in 1959 since it was built 31 years ago. He added that Mr. Schuster said the State advocates the painting of bridges every 8 years. He said the quality of the paints have greatly improved since the construction of the Tacoma Avenue Bridge some 30 years ago. He believed the City should award the contract for the steel bridge as it would be the cheaper of the two.

Mayor Hanson stated it would be more economical to construct a bridge that would require the least maintenance.

Mr. Bott asked Mr. Whitacre what would be the estimated life span of the steel bridge as compared to the pre-stressed bridge.

Mr. Horace Whitacre, architect for the bridge, advised he thought the minimum life of a steel bridge to be well over 50 years. The pre-stressed bridges are relatively new material but, thus far, have proven very satisfactory. He said he did not believe there had been a pre-stressed bridge built for 50 years, but from an engineering standpoint he could anticipate that the life span could be in that area.

Mr. Elmer Gunnette, District Engineer for the American Institute of Steel Construction, said he was present in reference to the maintenance costs for a steel construction. He said he had not had time to prepare any figures on the matter before the Council meeting but has checked with Mr. Schuster and Mr. Whitacre, both of whom were sympathetic to his arguments against the proposed maintenance costs of the steel bridge.

He said in going through the costs as presented to the Council, there had been figures released only recently as to the maintenance costs for the painting of steel structures. If this information were desired he could obtain them in approximately one week. He thought this would be important as he felt the costs could be reduced tremendously. One point is the fact that the steel being used in the bridge is a new low alloy corrosion resistant type of steel that has some six times the corrosive resistance as "A-7" type of steel and about 80% longer paint life.

Mr. Cvitanich said before an additional \$26,000 is approved for a pre-stressed concrete bridge in order to award the bid to a local industry, he felt the bid should be lower due to the proximity of the industry. He felt in all fairness to Mr. Gunnette the Resolution should be set over one week.

Mr. Porter then moved that the Resolution be postponed for one week to May 31, 1960. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 16151:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to transfer certain sums from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation

to the General Fund Capital Outlay Classification to the Legislative Dept., City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office and Police Dept.

Mr. Murtland leaving at this time.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Rowlands advised this Resolution is to provide equipment which is needed. At the time the Budget was prepared some \$10,000 was set aside for just such emergencies. He added that it was not certain at that time whether or not the Police Department would have a typewriter rental agreement, but it since has been decided that it would be better to purchase their own.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if any discussion was held as to whether a public address system could be set up in each corner and possibly additional microphones installed in the Council Chambers. He asked if this could be added to this Resolution.

Mr. Rowlands explained it had been discussed some time ago, and also the matter of moving the Councilmen's desks. The approximate cost was estimated at \$2500 for these changes, he added.

Mayor Hanson and several Council members agreed this would be helpful if the P. A. system were installed, but the question is whether or not they can afford it at this time.

Mr. Cvitanich advised that in all fairness to the people sitting in the back of the room, a P. A. system should be installed as there is occasional noise throughout the room which makes it very difficult to be heard.

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

Cvitanich

Ayes 7; Nays 1; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16152;

Authorizing and directing the City Manager to file an application with the United States Government for Federal grants for sewage treatment works under the provisions of 33 U. S. C. A. 466.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated this Resolution authorizes the request for the \$250,000 Grant which is to be used in connection with the Western Slope Development. A letter was sent approximately two weeks ago to the Pollution Control Commission staff that the request would be forthcoming.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. McCormick if these letters and applications, etc. should be signed by the Manager or if they should be signed by the Mayor as the official head of the City.

Mr. McCormick stated that the signature depends on what is required by the particular applications. Some are to be signed by the official head of the City, which is the Mayor and other applications must be signed by the administrative head, which would be the City Manager.

Mr. Rowlands stated this is a routine item, and is merely a follow-up of routine mail that is received.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16153:

Authorizing the City of Tacoma to exchange Lots 3 & 4 for Lots 1 & 2 owned by Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Willis which is located at 46th & Yakima Avenue in order to complete said Thompson Avenue interchange and transition.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated this is merely a transfer of property which would be advantageous to the City and also to the property owners.

Voice vote on the Resolution, resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16154:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a quit claim deed to the Metropolitan Park Board for property located on the N. E. corner of 40th & Portland Avenue.

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

Mr. Rowlands stated that the Park Board already owns this property but this is to disclaim any rights to the property by the City.

Voice vote on the Resolution, resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16580:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2256 for grading and oil mat surface on East D from East 82nd to East 84th; East 83rd from East D to the cul-de-sac. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16581:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4619 for permanent type pavement including concrete curbs, gutters and storm water catch basins on various streets in the north end. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment and assessment rolls for the cost of the improvement in L I D 2190 for cement concrete sidewalks on So. 50.123 72nd Street from So. D to Alaska; So. 74th from Wapato to So. Tacoma Way.

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment and assessment rolls for 50.38 the cost of the improvement in L I D 5315 for cast iron water mains in So. 56th from Proctor to Tyler and in Monroe from So. 55th to So. 56th Streets.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that Monday, June 27, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. be set as the date for hearing on these assessment rolls. Seconded by Mr. Easterday and carried on voice vote: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Murtland.

Mr. Perdue left at this time.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Personnel Report for the month of April 1960.

Tacoma Police Department Report for the month of April 1960.

Traffic Division Report for the month of April 1960.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Easterday stated that Tuesday, May 24th is the election at Browns Point in determining their intentions of joining the City of Tacoma. He said no matter what happens at Browns Point, it would be well to consider the possibility of annexing the University Place area as they are having problems in addition to water and sewage. 157

He said he would like to see that portion annexed to Tacoma.

Mayor Hanson explained that the City Officials had been invited to attend a meeting by the proponents of the Browns Point annexation to answer questions and give general information with reference to the City. He said they indicated the City's willingness to include that area in the City. He said the discussion touched the subjects of taxes, services by the City, etc. He pointed out that it would be to the advantage of Browns Point to annex, especially in regard to the sewers and fire protection.

Mayor Hanson further added he had been contacted by several people from the University Place area who desired to commence proceedings regarding the annexation of the University Place.

Mr. Cvitanich advised that he appreciated the efforts that were made in preparing the verbatim copy of the May 2nd City Council minutes. He said he realized this was an important meeting as it covered discussion on sewers, Bowling Alley rezoning, etc.

Mayor Hanson stated that a policy should be considered in this regard. The essential part of the minutes is the action taken on any matter. And, being a Public body, all are interested in the statements made with reference to the reasons for the action taken. He stated he believed it was unnecessary to require a verbatim account of every Council meeting.

Mayor Hanson suggested if any Council member wished a particular portion of the Council minutes to be verbatim, he should notify the City Clerk so that it could be included in the minutes as requested.

Mrs. Price asked why there were "No Parking" signs in the area of the Ball Park. She asked if they were for traffic purposes or merely to get the cars into the two Parking lots.

Mr. Rowlands explained these signs were to keep the cars off the street and into the two lots.

Mrs. Price also asked about the parking at Heidelberg Field. She said many times there will be games at both places at the same time which causes a bottleneck in the parking, as a lot of people now attending the game at the Cheney Stadium would rather park at the Heidelberg Parking Lot for free and walk the extra distance.

Mr. Rowlands said in the contract with the Metropolitan Park Board for the Heidelberg Field, it is requested that free parking be provided by the City for approximately 200 cars.

Mrs. Price added that along So. 19th Street there are numerous parking places off the road and felt the City should take another look at the parking on this portion.

Mr. Bob Taylor again appeared before the Council and asked if any decision had been made to permit juniors to watch ball games from the hill overlooking the Cheney Stadium.

Mayor Hanson advised that it is in the City's agreement with the Giants that the City is not to permit people to view the game from property which the City controls. He said too that the City was in a "bind" between enforcing the provisions of the Giant agreement and taking a practical position which he feels is to permit the kids to watch the game from the hill.

Mr. Bott asked that a copy of the contract and agreement with the Giants be included with the next agenda. He also asked if the Police had been instructed not to run the juniors from the hill in the daytime and also if it were the regular or auxiliary police that were handling this.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the auxiliary Police had been directed to work out this factor, but in the contract it was originally requested that a fence be constructed around the right field which would prohibit anyone from gaining access to the hill. Inasmuch as the bids were too high for the construction of this portion, it was eliminated, he added.

Mr. Rowlands further stated, he discussed this matter with Rosy Ryan and said plans are still being worked out for the formation of "knot hole gangs" to view certain games at nominal fees and that plans are being formulated for various organizations to underwrite the expenses.

Mr. Bott asked if anything had been done in regard to the request to the Park Board to permit only juniors to use the hill.

Mayor Hanson said the Park Board did not have jurisdiction in this instance inasmuch as the game being played is the property of the Tacoma Giants.

Mayor Hanson said this matter still has to be worked on whether or not the Giants want to fence in this area so they could have complete control over the audience or if they will permit the erection of bleachers on the hill for the benefit of the juniors.

Mr. Henry Carlbon stated he had received a copy of the Running Audit for the City of Tacoma from the State Auditors office in Olympia. He added that \$7,000,000 was put into the Cowlitz Dam through loans, etc. It is shown in the report that this \$7,000,000 has been replaced in the Fund from the Light & Revenue Fund of 1960. He commented that it could not have possibly come from this fund inasmuch as it was not set up until 1960. He suggested that an independent audit should be made of Tacoma City Light to see where the City stands in regard to the Cowlitz Project.

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Mayor Hanson remarked that his suggestion would be noted.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Gene Hanson
Mayor of the City Council.

Attest: *Josephine Neeter*
City Clerk