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Auditorium, Public Utilities Building

7:30 P. M.

Monday, March 11, 1957

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson. Absent 1, Jensen.

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Council-member, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Humiston (not voting); Absent 1, Jensen.

COMMUNICATIONS:

* Tacoma-Pierce County Safety Council, Peter D. Pelegruti, Director:
Advising that at their February Board meeting they conducted a complete review of the traffic operations of Tacoma and, as a result, they are firmly convinced that under no consideration should there be any deviation from the accepted techniques and procedures now being employed by the Tacoma Police Department; and extending its complete and unqualified support to Tacoma Police traffic operation as it is now being administered. Mr. Pelegruti read the letter in full for the information of those present. Mayor Anderson thanked the organization for its letter of commendation and ordered same placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14930:

By BATTIN:

Authorizing the proper officers to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the City Street Fund to the Sidewalk Construction Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of City participation in sidewalk repairs.

Adopted on roll call March 11, 1957
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Resolution No. 14931:

By ANDERSON:

Appointing Ernest Messenger as a member of the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Chester Chastek, ending August 3, 1961, who recently resigned.

Adopted on roll call March 11, 1957
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Resolution No. 14932:

By ANDERSON:

Authorizing delivery of a local improvement assessment deed to

William L. Cecil, for sale of property located at 4051 East G Street for \$600.00.

Adopted on roll call March 11, 1957

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Resolution No. 14933:

By TOLLEFSON:

Authorizing that the remaining balance of \$1795.00 for purchase of seven Sedan automobiles, police special, 7 sirens, and 13 alternators, be paid from Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation.

Adopted on roll call March 11, 1957

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Resolution No. 14934:

By BATTIN:

Approving recommendation of Department of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for furnishing one sewer rodding machine to Waterworks Supplies/on its bid of \$4,558.40.

Adopted on roll call March 11, 1957

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Resolution No. 14935:

By TOLLEFSON:

Approving recommendations of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for L I D 2267 - grading, ballasting and surfacing on Junett Street from South 40th Street to South 43rd Street, to Paine and Gallucci, Inc.

Adopted on roll call March 11, 1957

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen.

Resolution No. 14936:

By ANDERSON:

Approving recommendations of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards, and awarding contract for L I D 2265, surfacing and cement sidewalks on South K Street from approximately South 66th Street to 67th Street, on South 67th Street and on South L Street, to Paine and Gallucci, Inc.

Adopted on roll call March 11, 1957

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Resolution No. 14937:**By STOJACK:**

Approving recommendation of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards, and awarding contract for L I D No. 1967 - sanitary sewer on South Junett from South 45th to South 40th to E. J. Rody & Sons.

Adopted on roll call March 11, 1957
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**Ordinance No. 15831:**

Appropriating from the Sewer Fund the sum of \$14,286.71 for purpose of paying the balance of the cost of a survey by Brown and Caldwell, heretofore authorized by the 1956 Budget; and declaring a public emergency making necessary the appropriation herein authorized. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15832:

Amending Ordinance No. 14793 - ZONING ORDINANCE - by adding thereto one new section to be known as Section 9N. (C-2 District at SE corner of South 30th and Pacific - Petition of Wellman Building Co. Inc. - 1-28-57) Read by title. City Manager Rowlands reported that a public hearing on the proposed Tacoma-Everett Freeway will be held on March 19th. Before the passage of this ordinance there should be an understanding as to just what property the State will need for the Freeway, as changing to a C-2 will increase the valuation and also the amount the State will have to pay, should it require this tract of land, Mr. Rowlands stated. The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15833:

Ordering the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks gutters and curbs along and driveways across sidewalks; providing for payment therefor; stating the amounts of cost to be borne by the Sidewalk Construction Fund (W.Q 7707). Read by title. Mr. Rowlands called upon Public Works Director Staman for a report on the controversial issues which were brought out at the hearing last Monday night. Mr. Staman reported that a number of the property owners on Huson Drive had been contacted and the rest will be before the sidewalks are installed. If a property owner does not want the sidewalk, they will not be installed, he added. They have eliminated the sidewalks on one side of Prospect Street, where the property owners had objected, Mr. Staman said. The Public Works Department is endeavoring to improve the drainage situation on East B Street before the sidewalks are reconstructed, Mr. Staman reported. The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:**Ordinance No. 15826:**

Vacating the south 50 feet of the east 35 feet of South K Street at its intersection with South 65th Street; and retaining and reserving easements therein

for the construction, repair and maintenance of public utilities and services.
Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Ordinance No. 15827:

Vacating Warner Street from North 31st Street to North 32nd Street; and retaining and reserving an easement therein for the construction, repair and maintenance of public utilities and services. (Petition Ruth Sarver, et al - 10-19-56) Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Ordinance No. 15828:

Vacating a portion of North Ferdinand Street from North 9th Street to North 10th Street; and retaining and reserving certain easements therein for the construction, repair and maintenance of Public utilities and services. (Petition of Winston L. Nunes, et al - 6-1-56) Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15829:

L I D 4567:

Approving and confirming assessment roll for L I D 4567 - asphalt, paving, etc., on East 50th Street from East B Street to East D Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Ordinance No. 15830:

W. O. No. 6511:

Approving and confirming assessment roll for cost of improvement designated as work order number 6511, Units 1 through 149, Improvements Nos. 1 through 36, consisting of construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks, gutters and curbs along and driveways across sidewalks. Read by title, and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15834:

Providing for improvement of Alaska Street from South 74th to South 72nd, Asotin from South 76th to approximately 300 feet north of South 74th, and south 74th from Alaska Street to Ainsworth Avenue; also the alley between Asotin Street and Ainsworth Avenue from South 74th Street to approximately 300 feet North, thence west to Asotin, by grading and oil mat surfacing; creating L I D 2261. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15835: L I D 2268: 141

Providing for improvement of North 30th Street from Pearl to Highland by grading and oil mat; also storm sewer drainage on North 30th from Pearl to Winnifred, and from North 30th Street approximately 525 feet south, beginning 310 feet east of the center line of Pearl Street; also sections of concrete sidewalks and sewer connections; creating L I D 2268. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15836: L I D 6751: 145

Providing for the installation of ornamental light and standards on North 33rd Street from Proctor Street to Union Avenue; creating L I D 6751. Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works submits the assessment roll for L I D 2258 - cement concrete sidewalks on South 70th Street from Sheridan to L Street; also on the west side of South M Street from South 70th Street north 300 feet to existing walk, and on south side of South 68th Street from Sheridan to M Street. Suggested date of hearing April 16, 1957. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Battin that April 16, 1957 be set as the date of hearing on the above assessment roll. Motion carried unanimously on roll call. 47.428 234

City Manager Rowlands asked to have his report on "Brochure of the Tacoma Police Local No. 252 entitled 'An Analysis of Negotiations for Salary and Working Conditions for 1957'" which was referred to him for study and report back on December 17, 1956, laid over for one week. Moved by Mr. Tollefson that the above report (listed on the Agenda under "Unfinished Business") be laid over for one week to March 18, 1957. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on Roll Call. 40 188

ITEMS RECEIVED FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, Report for the year 1956.

Tacoma Transit System - Report for January, 1957.

Harbor Commerce - 1956 - Report of Harbormaster's Office.

American Public Works Association - Washington State Chapter - Construction Standardization Report Number 1. 184

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

Mr. Rowlands reported that the Preliminary Report from Brown and Caldwell on the Sewer Survey has been distributed to Council Members. The final report will be ready in about six weeks, he added.

X Mr. Rowlands called attention to a letter from the Metropolitan Park District, relative to "L I D Development adjacent to Park District properties which had been furnished each Council member with the agenda. He felt the problems enumerated can be worked out successfully with the Park Board officials. Mr. Rowlands stated.

Mr. Rowlands commended City Engineer Myron Calkins, and Robert G. Anderson of the Public Works Staff for the excellent job they had done in the Construction Standardization Report of the American Public Works Association, copies of which had been furnished Council members. This report is for the purpose of standardization of curbs, gutters, walks etc., in various Washington Cities.

Mayor Anderson announced that the meeting would be open to the public at this time for discussion of problems pertaining to the City government and City Charter amendments, and asked if anyone wished to speak.

Mr. Joseph Fendrick, 3507 South L Street, said he would like to talk to Council about parking. The city government is abusing parking by occupying four or five spaces 24 hours a day in front of the Youth Center at 711 Commerce Street, while just below this Building the Police Garage is often empty. Mr. Rowlands advised, that Traffic Engineer Kosai, is now making a survey of parking in the downtown area, which will possibly make available to the public a few additional parking spaces. The report of this survey will be ready in a week or two, he added.

Mr. John C. Fry, 2609 North 8th Street, referred to a newspaper article relative to a statement by Dr. Battin at last week's meeting stating that the Teamsters Union had threatened him. Mr. Fry defended the Teamsters Union and said he felt this statement should be retracted as it did not help the Council and in fact was detrimental.

Dr. Battin referred to the article and said this was not given as a quote, but inferred the Teamsters Union, which was behind the last Charter move, was also responsible for the threats, and the article was the responsibility of the reporter.

Albert H. Hooker, former Councilman, spoke in favor of the City-Manager form of government. At one time he had been in favor of certain changes, but has since come to the conclusion that any change in the present charter will tend to weaken the Council-Manager government, Mr. Hooker stated. He stressed the point that all members of the Council were equally important, with the Mayor assuming the role of official representative of the City of Tacoma. He suggested that the Mayor delegate some of his official duties to other members of the Council who were elected to serve with him. In conclusion Mr. Hooker urged Council to make no changes whatsoever in the existing Charter.

Mr. Otto Dunayski of 1016 South 8th Street, asked why the cost of city government had increased so much under the City Manager form of government, pointing out that in 1955 the budget was \$26,000,000. while in 1957 it reached a high of \$46,000,000. He claimed taxation is increasing to the point where the laboring classes can no longer assume the bill. Dr. Humiston explained that \$15,000,000 had been included in the budget for construction of the Cowlitz Project, and this amount did not represent an increase in taxes as it was to be derived from a revenue bond issue.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that the 40 mill tax limit is in effect

under State Law, and that the major increase in the tax bill in Tacoma is due to the school millage and the 9 mills for Park improvement which were voted by the citizens.

Mr. Dunayski said he felt the money which was being collected as a sewer tax should be used for the purpose it was intended, namely sewage treatment plants. The 1957 Budget shows that the cost of operating the present plant is \$105,000 while the income from this tax in 1956 amounted to \$300,000 and this has been going on for 6 years so a substantial surplus should exist, Mr. Dunayski added.

Mr. Rowlands stated that Brown and Caldwell have suggested an increase in the sewer tax to pay for needed sanitary sewers, trunk sewers, storm sewers and treatment plants which they estimate will cost between twenty-eight and thirty million dollars.

Mr. John C. Fry spoke again and asked if it would be possible for the City Council to pass an ordinance to levy a tax of \$10 or \$12 per year on automobiles using the City Streets. This is being done in Kansas City, Mo., and funds are used for City Streets and boulevards, thus relieving the tax payer of a heavy burden, he added. City Attorney Marshall McCormick advised that the City could only levy taxes permitted by State Law and this was not one of them. The only way such a tax could be levied would be to have the Legislature pass a law granting the cities this power, Mr. McCormick added.

Mr. Fry outlined a unified form of government. The Council would be composed of 5 members, one each from Labor, Industry, Education, Recreation and property owners. Two from each category would be nominated, and one of these would be elected. The Council could appoint the Civil Service Board and Utility Board and take the Fire and Police Departments out of politics, he added.

No one else expressing a desire to be heard, Mayor Anderson thanked those present for attending and announced that the discussion would be continued at next Monday's meeting in the Utility Building Auditorium.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 8:25 P. M.

John H. Anderson

 President of City Council

Attest: *Josephine Melton*

 City Clerk