

## COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P.M.

Monday, January 28, 1957

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson, Mayor Anderson. Dr. Battin taking his seat at 7:35 P. M. Absent 0.

It was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilmember, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

Mr. Tollefson stated that he has been informed that several persons who are interested in the Elk's Appeal from the denial of their zoning petition, which is on the Agenda under Unfinished Business, are present on this matter. He has been informed further, that both sides wish to have the hearing continued, and in order that those interested will not have to remain during the entire Council session, he moved that Rule 5 (Order of Business) be suspended so that this matter might be considered at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date fixed by the City Council for hearing on the appeal of Tacoma Lodge No. 174, B. P. O. E. (Elks) (12-26-56) from the City Planning Commission's denial of its petition for reclassification to a C-2 Commercial District property between Union Avenue and Cedar Street from South 19th Street south 1400 feet, the matter was taken up at this time. Mr. Erling Johnson, Secretary of the Elks, advised that they would like to have this hearing continued to March 4th for further study and Mr. Hugo Metzler, representing the Retail Trade Bureau, which opposes the granting of the rezoning petition, said his group was agreeable to having the hearing continued. It was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Dr. Humiston that the hearing be continued to March 4th. Mr. Buehler of the Planning Staff, stated that they had received no information that the hearing was to be continued and that Mr. Perrow, Chairman of the Planning Commission was to be present at 8 P. M. for this hearing. Roll was then called on the motion to continue the hearing to March 4th, resulting as follows: Ayes 5; Bratrud, Humiston, Jensen, Tollefson, Anderson. Nays 4; Battin, Goering, Perdue, Stojack. 92  
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Order of business reverted to:

PETITIONS:

X Wellman Building Co., Inc., For rezoning from an R-4 District to a C-2 District Lots 1 to 4, Block 8013, Tacoma Land Co's 1st Addition, located at the south east corner of South 30th and Pacific Avenue. Referred to the City Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14878: x L I D 2260:

By GOERING:

3 Fixing February 19, 1957 as the date for hearing on L I D 2260 - concrete sidewalks on South 13th Street from Cedar to Alder; on South Grant from South 17th Street, north to existing walk on the west side and from 15th Street to 16th Street on the east side; on north side of South 17th Street from the alley east of Grant to the alley west of Ridgewood; and on South side of South 17th from the existing walk between Ridgewood and Grant to existing walk at alley west of Ridgewood; also on both sides of Ridgewood from South 17th Street north to existing walks.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14879: x L I D 2275:

By ANDERSON:

3 Fixing February 19, 1957 as the date for hearing on L I D 2275 - reshaping the existing roadway and making two applications of MC-3 Oil Mat and crushed rock on South Thompson Avenue from South 59th Street to 61st St.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14880: x L I D 4616:

By STOJACK:

Fixing February 19, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 4616 - grading to established grade and placing thereon a Portland cement concrete surface on alley between Union Avenue and Puget Sound Avenue from North 18th to North 19th.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14881: x L I D 4618:

By TOLLEFSON:

Fixing February 19, 1957 as the date for hearing on L I D 4618 - grading and placing a permanent type pavement, including concrete curbs and gutters and necessary storm water catch basins on South 21st Street from Ainsworth to Cushman. Mr. Perdue asked what was meant by "Permanent type pavement" in this instance, stating that in the past it has been customary to either call for asphalt or Portland Cement Concrete. Attorney McCormick advised that the Resolution was drawn in this manner so that it can be decided at the hearing which type of pavement would be used, depending on the wishes of the property owner.

Mr. Perdue said he felt that this would prove most confusing as there is usually a difference in the price per foot of the two types of pavement, asphalt being \$6.00 and Portland cement being \$7.00. Dr. Humiston asked if it would be possible to call for alternate bids and decide later which to accept. Mr. McCormick said he questioned whether the providing ordinance could be drawn on this basis. Mr. McCormick also advised that the City of Seattle has been handling the situation in this manner. Dr. Battin said he felt that the protest at the hearing would tend to be heavier if it were left to the property owners to decide the type of pavement at that time and he was reluctant to go along with the idea. Roll was then called on the adoption of the resolution.

Adopted on roll call Jan. 28, 1957  
 Ayes 8; Nays 1, Battin; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14882: X                      L I D 6750:

By BATTIN: 163

Fixing February 19th, 1957 as the date for hearing on L I D 6750 - ornamental street lights and standards on South 18th Street from Pine Street to Cedar Street.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
 Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14883:

By BRATRUD: 163

Fixing February 25, 1957 as the date for hearing on petition to vacate the South 50' of the east 35' of South K Street at its intersection with South 65th Street (Petition of Oscar Hokold, et al - 11-28-56).

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
 Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14884:

By TOLLEFSON:

Approving recommendation of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract to Paine-Gallucci, Inc., for L I D 4603 - asphalt paving, etc., on Cedar Street from North 29th to North 30th, North 39th from Monroe to Tyler and Shirley from North 26th Street to North line of Nelson's 2nd Addition, on its low bid of \$14,454.05.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
 Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14885:

By ANDERSON:

Approving recommendations of Director of Public Works and Board of

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Contracts and Awards and awarding to the Harrison Brothers Company, the contract for L I D 4614 - asphalt paving, etc., on Adams Street from North 9th to North 12th Street, Cedar Street from North 7th to North 8th Street, North 7th Street from Warner Street to Lawrence and north 8th Street from Cedar Street to Junett Street on its low bid of \$29,519.60.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957 - Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.  
Resolution No. 14886:

By PERDUE:

Approving recommendation of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards, and awarding to Milone and Tucci, Inc., the contract for L I D 4582 - Asphalt paving, etc., on South Fife Street from South 17th Street to South 19th Street, on its low bid of \$11,650.03.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14887:

By STOJACK:

Approving recommendations of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding to Harrison Brothers Company, the contract for L I D 4600 - asphalt paving of the alley between Ainsworth and Grant Avenues from South 17th Street to South 19th Street, on their low bid of \$3,538.60.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14888:

By JENSEN:

Approving recommendations of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding to Harrison Brothers Company, the contract for L I D 4588 - asphalt paving, etc., on South C Street from So. 48th Street to South 50th, South D from So. 48th to 52nd, etc., on its low bid of \$102,650.95.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14889:

By BATTIN:

Approving recommendations of the Board of Contracts and Awards and Public Utility Board and awarding contract for the purchase of the annual supply of gasoline requirements for the year 1957 to the General Petroleum Co.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 14890:**

**By HUMISTON:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to sell an estimated 11,000 pounds of junk copper transformer coils to Jerome E. Norton on his bid of \$3,143.80 on the estimated weight, plus sales tax.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 14891:**

**By HUMISTON:**

Authorizing proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute the agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein outlining the wages, hours and conditions of labor of the electrical workers of the Light Division for the year, February 1, 1957 to and including January 31, 1958. (Agreement with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Union 483) Dr. Humiston said he was concerned whether or not this Resolution granted special favors to special employees, and Director of Utilities Barline assured him that this was not the case. Mr. Barline explained some of the items covered by this agreement for Council's information. Mr. Ketler said he felt that other Craft Unions in the Utilities Department should be given the same consideration as the Electrical Workers since the Utilities Budget is open at this time, and he urged Council to give this matter its attention. Mr. C. W. Lasham, Business representative of the Plumbers Union, Mr. L. H. Pedersen, representing the Painters and Harold Cosgrove, representing the Carpenters, all urged Council to give consideration for a salary increase to the employees in the Utilities Department coming under their jurisdiction, at the same time as the Electrical workers. Dr. Humiston said he felt it would be violating the principle of the same pay for same classifications throughout the City government, which the Council has been following, if other crafts in the Utilities Department were granted a pay increase at this time. Mr. Rowlands pointed out that electrical workers in Public Works and Fire Department will receive the same wages as those in the Utilities Department, as money was budgeted in anticipation of this agreement. Mr. Barline pointed out that this is the only wage increase members of Local 483 will receive, as their salaries were not raised on January 1st, as those of other City employees, pending the negotiating of the contract with the Union. After further discussion, roll was called on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 14892:**

**By JENSEN:**

Approving the acquisition on the part of the Housing Authority of the 228 dwelling units to be known and designated as Project WASH 5-4 (Salishan) and approving the preliminary plat of this project shown as Portland Avenue Second Addition and Replat of Tract "E" of Portland Avenue First Addition, subject to the conditions listed.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957

**Resolution No. 14893:**

**By HUMISTON:**

Authorizing the Investment Board of the City to invest certain moneys from the Water Main Customers Reserve Fund and the Cumulative Reserve Belt Line Railroad Fund in Government Securities.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 14894:**

**By JENSEN:**

75 Authorizing proper officers to give their consent in writing to the assignment of the permit issued pursuant to Resolution No. 14828 to B. T. and E. O. Sjoboen, for ingress and egress over a portion of the City's Gravel Pit in the vicinity of South 80th to 84th west of Sprague Avenue, permitting them to assign their interest in said permit to the Asphalt Paving and Engineering Co.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 14895:**

**By STOJACK:**

Authorizing and directing proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with Pierce County Industrial Medical Bureau, Inc., for furnishing, for a period of one year, from February 1, 1957 to February 1, 1958, health services for City employees and their dependents, and retired personnel upon the terms and conditions set forth in the existing agreement between said parties.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Humiston (not voting) Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 14843:**

**By HUMISTON:**

18 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with Alpine Evergreen Co. for the cultivating and harvesting of Christmas Trees on certain lands of the Light Division in the vicinity of Lake Cushman and along the Cushman Transmission line right of way. Mr. McCormick advised that the agreement has now been approved by all parties concerned, and that although the Resolution had been laid over to February 11th, it can be considered tonight. It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the resolution and agreement be amended as submitted at tonight's meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Adopted on roll call January 28, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 15803:**

Amending Ordinance No. 14793 - ZONING ORDINANCE - by adding a new section to be known as Section 4A. (R-2 One Family Dwelling District at intersection of South 19th and Proctor.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

**Ordinance No. 15804:**

Authorizing and directing City Attorney to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, under the right of eminent domain for purpose of acquiring a tract of land for construction of a substation for the City of Tacoma. (at approximately South 63rd and Portland Ave.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 15794:**

Vacating a portion of South 63rd Street extending from Thompson Avenue to South J Street; and retaining and reserving an easement therein for the construction repair and maintenance of public Utilities and services. - Read by title and passed. 121

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

**Ordinance No. 15795:**

Amending Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10, and repealing Section 9 of Ordinance No. 12387 - Admission Tax Ordinance -(reducing admission tax to 3 1/3% of the admission charge paid.) Read by title and passed. 27

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

**Ordinance No. 15796:**

Vacating a portion of the alley lying between G Street and Yakima Avenue from South 14th Street to South 15th Street. Read by title and passed. 122

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

**Ordinance No. 15797:**

Amending Section 6.21 of Ordinance No. 15751 - Compensation Plan - (0716 - Fleet and Stores Supervisor). Read by title and passed.

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

**Ordinance No. 15802:**

Approving and confirming assessment roll for L I D 5267 - cast iron 128  
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water mains in area bounded by North Park Avenue, Pearl Street, North 48th Street and Lexington Street, and on Visscher Street from North 42nd Street to North 48th Street. Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the following L I D's:

47:243  
182 L I D. 4567 - asphalt paving on East 50th Street from East B Street to approximately East D Street.

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182 W. O. 6511: - Units 1 through 149 and Improvements 1 through 36, for constructing new walks and replacing defective walks, curbs, etc. in various locations.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that March 5, 1957 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried unanimously.

72 City Manager Rowlands stated that the report on the "Removal of the Sixth Avenue Dock" (MC-120) which had been distributed to the Council with this week's Agenda, had been the result of an exhaustive research. The City's legal Department has agreed that this dock is under the jurisdiction of Pierce County under the terms of an agreement dated May 20th, 1925, copies of which had also been furnished Council members, Mr. Rowlands stated. Pierce County officials are desirous of razing the dock for the reason it is unsafe for public use. Mr. McCormick advised his office has taken the legal position that the County is liable for either maintenance or demolition of the dock. - Mr. Rowlands pointed out that the dock was used by the State Toll Bridge Authority as a Ferry landing after the collapse of the Narrows Bridge in 1940, and the County would like to see the State take action to remove that portion of the dock which had been used by it for this purpose. This possibility was discussed by Council, and it was moved by Mr. Tollefson seconded by Mr. Stojack that the City Manager be instructed to join with Pierce County in directing a letter to the State Toll Bridge Authority or State Highway Department, asking them to take action to provide funds to remove the Ferry landing and approach at the Sixth Avenue Dock. Mrs. Edward Byrne said she could not understand why the dock was in such poor condition at this time, as some months ago the City Engineer had reported that the Fosdick Dock and Fox Island Dock were in good condition. Mrs. Byrne suggested that funds be used to improve the dock instead of to remove it. Mr. Rowlands pointed out that it would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4,000 to \$6,000 to remove the dock while a repair job would cost \$15,000 for the North half of the dock and would involve maintenance costs thereafter. Mrs. Byrne then asked if this meant that there is nothing they can do to save a portion of the dock for a recreational facility, and pointed out that the County is willing to turn the Dock over to the City. Mayor Anderson replied that the City is not willing to accept the dock in view of its condition and the cost of rehabilitating it.



Dr. Humiston said there were only two questions, whether the dock should be torn down or fixed, and he felt Council should give its approval to removal of the dock. The matter of whether the City should install dock facilities at some other place on the Narrows was not related to this problem, he added. Mr. Staman said he did not know where Mrs. Byrne had received her information that the dock was in good condition, as after his office made a study of the situation, they had ordered barricades put up to prevent cars from using the dock, due to its dangerous condition. The north half is the only part that might be saved, Mr. Staman said, and the Public Works Department does not recommend rehabilitation of even this portion. The matter of constructing a dock nearby for fishing and boats was discussed, and Mr. Staman said he believed it would cost about the same as the Old Tacoma Dock, which was \$45,000. Mayor Anderson asked the Director of Public Works to check and ascertain what it would cost to build a fishing dock and report back to Council. Roll was then called on Mr. Tollefson's motion "That the City Manager be instructed to join with Pierce County in directing a letter to the State Toll Bridge Authority or State Highway Department, asking them to take action to provide funds to remove the Ferry Landing and approach at the Sixth Avenue Dock". Motion carried; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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

Harbor Commerce, Waterborne Foreign and Domestic Statistical Report, submitted by the Office of the Harbormaster.

Mr. Rowlands stated that the bridge on Ruston Way carrying traffic over a portion of the Leybold-Smith Shingle Mill was in a poor condition, and should be replaced. The City has an agreement with the Company that it would keep this bridge in repair in return for the use of the right of way for Ruston Way, upon which part of the Company's buildings are constructed. The Company has paid for repairs in the past, but now that it is faced with rebuilding the bridge, it does not feel it can afford to spend the \$25,000 which it will cost, Mr. Rowlands said. He asked the Council what they desire to have him tell the Company. This matter was discussed, and it was the feeling of Council that the Leybold Smith Company should be informed that they will have to rebuild the bridge at their own expense.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Staman to report to Council on the petitions for improvements in the area comprised by L I D 1955 (West End Storm Sewer) which have been filed in his office. Mr. Staman advised that there has been considerable sale of property in this area and the owners are desirous of having L I D's for streets, sewers, watermains, etc. processed. There have been a number of petitions filed in his office and the department would like to proceed with the processing, he stated. However, if the proposed storm drain is not installed, perhaps the City should not proceed with other L I D's he added. Dr. Humiston stated that, if these L I D's depend on the Storm Drain, nothing will be done about this improvement until after the Brown and Caldwell Report is filed in March. As this was merely information for Council, no action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Rowlands advised that his office has been working on "reciprocal agreements" with neighboring communities for fire protection service. They are advocating the charge of \$360.00 each time Tacoma sends out equipment and vice versa, which method is approved by the Fire Chief, Harold Fisk, Mr. Rowlands added.

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So far, only one community has signed an agreement, although others have indicated they think it is a fair charge. Council members expressed the opinion that these communities should be informed that Tacoma is willing to cooperate on these terms, and that the decision should be left up to them.

X Mr. Tollefson pointed out that the Port of Tacoma is rapidly accumulating land for the development of the Tide flats area. He felt it was a good idea for the County, City and Port Commission to meet for the purpose of ascertaining how the Port Commission's plans tie in with the over-all City and County plans, and he suggested that a joint meeting of these government bodies be held. The suggestion was agreeable to Council members, but no definite date was set for the meeting at this time.

X Inigo Lucchesi, appeared before Council to ask if any action is contemplated with reference to a "Sports Civic Auditorium". Mr. Lucchesi, who promotes sports events, stated that they are now limited to a couple of months in the summer at Lincoln Bowl, as the Armory is obsolete and the College of Puget Sound has a rule that the Field House cannot be used for Professional Boxing.

Mr. Buehler of the Planning Staff advised that they are endeavoring to include this in the "Six-year Capital Program" which will be presented to Council in the near future.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

  
President of City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk