

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.,

Monday, October 22, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 9; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson, Anderson. Absent 0.

It was moved by Mr. Jensen, 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 unanimously on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Anderson introduced three members of Boy Scout Troops, and they informed Council of their program to "Get out the Vote" by hanging 90,000 Liberty Bells, urging citizens to vote, on door knobs throughout the City. Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorer Scouts are campaigning on this issue all over the United States, one of the boys stated. Mayor Anderson commended the groups for this worthwhile effort.

#### PETITIONS:

Port of Tacoma, et al, for vacation of all plats or subdivisions that may exist, thereby reverting all lands back to acreage in the area bounded on the west by the Puyallup River, on the south by the northerly line of Lincoln Avenue, on the east by the easterly line of Ross' 2nd Addition and on the north by Ross Avenue, Commercial Street and the northerly boundary line of Commencement Bay Addition. Pursuant to applicable State Laws the City Clerk has set November 13th, 1956 at 7:30 P. M. as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to concur in the action of the City Clerk. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. 67

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Wallace Burch, submitting his resignation as a member of the Tacoma Civil Service Board effective October 31, 1956, due to his work schedule, which makes it necessary for him to spend a substantial part of his time away from the City. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that the resignation be accepted with regrets, and that the Mayor be directed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Burch for the services he rendered the City while a member of the Civil Service Board. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Anderson advised that he has already written this letter to Mr. Burch. 50

Stanton Griggs, President Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, replying to accusations and statements contained in communication of Jessica Reed of September 24, 1956 relative to the Tacoma Humane Society and suggestions for changes in the present dog ordinance. Mr. Bratrud called attention to an article in the Sunday paper relative to the newly organized Pierce County Humane Society issuing identification tags free of charge for dogs under six months of age. He alleged that this new organization was started by disgruntled members of the original Humane Society, and said that this was a move to confuse the public into thinking that the identification tag takes the place of the license. He felt the City should do all in its power to keep from confusing the public, Mr. Bratrud said. Mr. Archie Fiedler of the Humane Society said this free tag will confuse the public and probably have the effect of reducing the number of licenses issued, as many will think that they have a valid license when all they have is an identification tag. Mr. McCormick advised that he does not know of any existing law which would prevent an organization from distributing a free identification tag. However, if they are representing these tags to be licenses, the situation would be entirely different, he added. If the group is operating solely in the County, it is a matter for County authorities to decide, Mr. McCormick said. After further discussion, the Mayor requested the Manager to obtain information on this matter, 10- 59

as to whether it will interfere or conflict with the City license now issued by the City and Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, as well as information concerning the newly organized society and present same to the Council next week. Dr. Battin asked if anything could be done about anyone signing a false name and giving a false address when writing to Council members concerning dog problems. The City Manager was asked to investigate this situation also. Mr. Tollefson asked the City Manager to look into the possibility of an injunction against the newly organized Pierce County Humane Society to prevent them from using this name since it bears a marked similarity to the name used by the older organization, which is known as Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 14799.**

**By BATTIN:**

Authorizing the proper officers to pay, commencing January 1, 1957, from "Cumulative Reserve Fund B", within the unexpended balance therein of approximately \$7,073.00, any expenditures which might be properly chargeable to the City Street Fund or the Capital Improvement Program of the Department of Public Works for the year 1957. Mr. Rowlands advised that this matter should have been handled by an ordinance rather than by a resolution, and suggested that Resolution No. 14799 be voted down by the Council. An ordinance will be introduced later in the meeting to cover this matter, he added. Roll was called on the resolution, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 0; Nays 9; Absent 0. Resolution declared lost on roll call.

**Resolution No. 14800.**

**By BATTIN:**

Authorizing proper officers of the City to pay, commencing January 1, 1957, from Cumulative Reserve Fund for Maintenance, Alterations and Repairs for Municipal Purposes, within the unexpended balance therein, the cost of any expenditures chargeable to the Public Works Street Maintenance Account.

Adopted on roll call October 22, 1956.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 14801.**

**By ANDERSON:**

Appointing Horace G. Geer as a member of the Civil Service Board to fill the unexpired term of Wallace S. Burch, ending June 30, 1961; and appointing Warner C. Matson to fill the unexpired term of Robert E. Cooper, ending June 30, 1957.

Adopted on roll call October 22, 1956.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**Resolution No. 14802.**

**By PERDUE:**

Authorizing the proper officials of Tacoma to execute the attached agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Town of Fircrest for the installation and maintenance of a storm and sanitary sewer line along and on Contra Costa Avenue in Fircrest (to comply with request of purchasers of L I D bonds of Town of Fircrest).

Adopted on roll call October 22, 1956.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14803.By GOERING:

Settling claim of Helga Ness for injuries sustained when she fell on a sidewalk at Sputh 16th and Sheridan, for a sum of \$2,000.00, said sum to be paid from moneys heretofore appropriated from the General Fund in the current budget under classification of Sundry Injuries and Damages.

Adopted on roll call October 22, 1956.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Before taking action on the next resolution, the Clerk stated that the recommendation of the L I D Committee on L I D 4608 should be considered by Council. She read the following statement as shown on the Agenda under Unfinished Business: "The L I D Committee reports that a hearing was held by the Committee on L I D 4608--permanent paving and storm drainage on various streets in the general area from North 8th Street to North 14th Street and from Cheyenne Street to Steele Street--on October 16, 1956. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee recommended to Council that a new resolution, creating L I D 4608, be drafted, eliminating North 14th Street from Verde to Cheyenne and North 10th Street from Oakes to Fife Street; and changing the width of the paving on North 8th Street from Junett Street to Pine Street to a 30 foot pavement." Mr. Stojack and Mrs. Goering, members of the L I D Committee who were present at the hearing, explained that North 14th Street from Verde to Cheyenne had a remonstrance of 58% and North 10th Street from Oakes to Fife had 50% remonstrance. Mrs. Goering pointed out that the original petitions carried the signatures of only approximately 42% of the abutting property owners on these two streets. These are both short streets, which have no direct connection or bearing on the other streets in the district, she stated. The L I D Committee felt there was no justification for including either of these streets in the district under these circumstances, and recommended they be eliminated, Mrs. Goering reported. Mr. Stojack pointed out that this district will have to be held over until next year anyhow and so adopting another resolution and holding another hearing will not unduly delay the project. After further discussion, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack, to concur in the recommendation of the L I D Committee. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14804 was brought up after the above action had been taken.

Resolution No. 14804. ✕ L I D 4608.

By TOLLEFSON:

Fixing November 20, 1956 as date for hearing on L I D 4608--cement concrete pavement, with concrete curbs and gutters and storm water catch basins on North 8th from Junett to Pine; on North 8th from Union to Warner; on North 10th from Fife to Steele; on North 11th from Oakes to Steele and from Stevens to Madison, and on North 14th from Fife to Steele and on Monroe from North 11th to 13th.

Adopted on roll call October 22, 1956.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14805.

By BATTIN:

Fixing November 19th, 1956 as the date for hearing on petition to vacate North Ferdinand Street from North 9th Street to North 10th Street. (Petition W. I. Nunes, et al - 6-1-56).

Adopted on roll call October 22, 1956.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15734.

Creating and establishing in the Treasury of the City of Tacoma a special fund, pursuant to Sections 35.21-070 and 35.21.080 RCW to be known as Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation for Municipal Purposes. Read by title and placed in order of final reading;

Ordinance No. 15735.

Authorizing purchase or condemnation of certain tracts of land for rights of way for street purposes, including the construction of traffic islands, acceleration and deceleration lands and on and off ramps, at intersection of 11th Street and St. Paul Avenue; directing that compensation for the lands to be taken or damaged shall be payable from the City Street Fund; and repealing Ordinance No. 15606, passed May 7, 1956. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Tollefson, to suspend Rule 7, relative to filing of new matter for Council's consideration, in order to give first reading to an ordinance, which is not on tonight's agenda. ( To take the place of Resolution No. 14799, which was voted down by the Council earlier in the meeting). Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Ordinance No. 15736.

Authorizing and directing that certain expenditures properly chargeable to "Cumulative Reserve Fund B" be made from said Reserve Fund to Supplement the Capital Improvement Program of the Department of Public Works for the year 1957. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15728.

Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 15693 entitled: "An ordinance authorizing a temporary loan in amount of \$235,000 from L I Guaranty Fund to General Fund for a period of 10 years for purpose of construction of a 60-inch storm trunk line through Fircrest." Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15729.

Amending Ordinance No. 14892- GENERAL LICENSE ORDINANCE- by adding thereto nine new sections to be known as Sections 74, 74a, 74b, etc. (Covering gas installations). Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue, to amend the ordinance as originally submitted by changing the section numbers to 74 instead of 73 throughout the entire ordinance. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Mr. Staman read the names of the Committee, which had helped to formulate the ordinance, and introduced Hugh Miller, Chairman, and several committee members who were present. Mr. Miller stated that the Committee is now working toward perfecting a code for heating equipment in general. Mr. Tollefson commended the Committee for the work it has done thus far, and suggested the complete code be sent to the Association of Washington cities for use of smaller communities which are not in a position to formulate their own codes.

Mr. Rowlands referred to MC-102, which had been sent Council members with their Agendas, relative to "Gas Fitters and Appliance Installers Examining Board", and listing the names of 10 persons who are engaged in the business of gas installing, contracting,

or working as individual gas fitters and appliance installers, whom he desires to appoint to the proposed board, subject to Council approval. As none of the Council members voiced any objections to any of the names submitted, it was deemed that the appointments met the Council's approval. Mr. Tollefson asked whether it would be possible for Tacoma's Examining Bd. to conduct examinations in smaller neighboring communities, which do not have a Board of this nature. Building Inspector McCormick said he saw no reason why such an arrangement could not be made.

Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance as amended, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 15730.

Vacating the alley between South 18th Street and South 19th Street from South Union Avenue to West Union Avenue. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15731.

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Authorizing proper officials of the City of Tacoma to make and execute a contract by and between the City of Tacoma on behalf of Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, and Consumers Central Steam Heating Co., a corporation. (For use by the Company of certain facilities located in City's Steam Plant No. 1). Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15732.

Providing for issuance of permits and regulating the construction and maintenance of structures and improvements over alleys of the City of Tacoma. Read by title. Several amendments to the ordinance, suggested by the Utilities Department, were submitted. Mr. Rowlands reported these had been received by his office too late for him to become familiar with the changes, and he would like to have the ordinance laid over for one week. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that Ordinance No. 15732 be laid over for one week to October 29, 1956. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Ordinance No. 15733.

Amending Section 7.3 of Ordinance No. 15059- Personnel Rules. (Fixing 21 years as entrance age limit for applicants for Police Service instead of 23 years). Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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Dr. Battin called Council's attention to the "All American Cities" contest sponsored by Look Magazine and the National Municipal League, when eleven cities are given awards. He briefed the Council on the background and the program that had been formulated to enter Tacoma in this contest. Tacoma has been chosen as one of twenty-two finalists, and will present its case to a jury of Municipal experts in Memphis, Tennessee, November 11th to 14th, Dr. Battin said. He gave most of the credit for Tacoma's report to the Tacoma Municipal League, American Association of University Women, and the League of Women Voters and made special mention of Mrs. Clara Goering, Mrs. Chester Chastek and Mrs. Robert Chamberlain for the part they had played. Dr. Battin said it appeared as though Tacoma had an excellent chance of being one of the winners in this contest.

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Mayor Anderson advised the Council that he has been working as a Committee of One to raise \$3,000, which is necessary to put on a campaign to promote the County-City Building Bond Issue. He stated that to date he has collected in the neighborhood of \$1,500 and asked the Council members for suggestions to facilitate raising the balance needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

X Mr. Tollefson reported to Council that in his travels throughout the State for the Association of Washington Cities, he has noticed a new system of automobile parking in a number of smaller cities. This system is called "Bumper to Bumper" parking, and cars park bumper to bumper in pairs, with seven or eight feet of space between each pair. The method allows about the same number of cars to park in a block, but makes parking easier for drivers, he stated. The matter was discussed and the Traffic Engineer was asked to investigate the new method of parking to ascertain if it is feasible for Tacoma.

D. H. Ketler, Business Representative of the Municipal Civil Service League, referred to Resolution No. 14801, appointing two new members to the Civil Service Board, which was adopted by Council earlier in the meeting. It was his understanding that Employee groups would be consulted before Civil Service Board members were appointed, which was not done in this case, Mr. Ketler stated. He did not have any objections to either appointment, nor had he heard of any, but he was merely pointing this out for the future, as he felt such a procedure would promote better Council-Employee relations and would work for better harmony, he added. Mayor Anderson said the responsibility for this was his, and explained that he had endeavored to contact Mr. Ketler on several occasions relative to these appointments, but had been unable to do so. He feels he has picked two fine men for Board members, who will be fair to all sides, Mayor Anderson said.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

John Anderson  
President of City Council.

Attest:

Josephine Nector  
City Clerk.