

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.  
Tuesday, August 16, 1960

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call: 9, Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Olson, Porter, Murtland, Price, Steele, and Mayor Hanson; Absent 0.

Mr. Cvitanich moved that the minutes of July 26, 1960 be amended as submitted by adding the following portion: "Mrs. Olson asked Mr. Bob Jacobson, Urban Renewal Coordinator, if he could evaluate what the cost would be to the Department and the program, if the Resolution were delayed one week. Mr. Jacobson replied that he could not give a direct answer at this time in reference to the cost, but, he said, a slight delay could create a hardship on the Department.", and also the correction that "Mrs. Olson moved that the Resolution be adopted." Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Easterday then moved that the minutes of July 26, 1960 be approved as amended. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of August 2, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

#### HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the vacation of the alley between Pacific Avenue and A Street, between South 21st and 22nd Streets. (Petition of American Manufacturing Co.) <sup>270</sup> <sub>353</sub>

Mayor Hanson said the Planning Commission has recommended the approval of this Petition. He asked if anyone present wished to speak in opposition to the granting of this street vacation petition.

Mr. Rowlands said several meetings were held with Mr. Reise, <sup>for American</sup> the petitioner, by the Planning Staff and the Manager's Office before this matter was referred to the Planning Commission, and they were able to obtain first-hand knowledge of the peculiar situation that exists with this firm. He said there are approximately 180 people employed here and they are attempting to work out some satisfactory arrangement whereby their business can be conducted properly.

Mr. Reise explained that the main reason for the request was that public vehicular traffic circulating through the alley impairs the efficiency of the Company's operation and creates a hazard. He said the Company plans to utilize the vacated area as a passage way for material used in its manufacturing operation, between its building located on the west side of the alley and its building located on the east side of the alley.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Reise what type of materials does the Company transport between its two buildings?

Mr. Reise replied that they transport the materials and goods produced by his firm.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Reise if he had taken a traffic count of the number of autos that go through the alley.

Mr. Reise said they had not obtained an accurate account.

Mr. Cvitanich said he noticed that a great number of the personnel used the alley for parking.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if it were known where the future elevated arterial will be constructed.

Mr. Rowlands said it is anticipated that it will go down "A" Street, but he is not sure of the exact location where it might take off from the interchange.

Mr. Buehler of the Planning Commission said there haven't been any designs or preliminary work as to whether there will be a grade through this area or whether it will be elevated.

Mr. Cvitanich asked, if the City vacates this alley, what would it cost the City to repurchase the property if the State puts in an overpass on Court A.

Mr. Buehler said the City is retaining a utility right of way the full width of the alley. He said he did not know what the cost would be for the re-dedication, but he did not believe that it would be too much as the City is retaining a utility right of way for the full 40 feet.

Mr. Cvitanich asked, since the area involved is in the downtown area, would it be likely that requests of a similar nature might be asked by J. C. Penney's, Sears, etc., to transport their materials back and forth on Court C?

Mr. Buehler said the City has vacated an area for Sears above the alley leaving sufficient room to have underground cables and various access to the City's utilities that are in the right of way.

Mr. Cvitanich said Rhodes Bros. also has a tremendous amount of traffic going back from their warehouse into their store.

Mr. Buehler said most of their traffic comes through the elevated section.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the City would be establishing a policy that would be dangerous in relation to the downtown area.

Mr. Buehler said this vacation would not necessarily constitute the downtown area. This is in what they would call the fringe area of the central district of the City. He said there has been one other industry here, prior to the holding of office of the present members of the Council, who requested a vacation due to similar circumstances, on Court A at 24th and 25th Street. Mr. Buehler said the primary concern is for their businesses to do their loading and unloading in this area of a 40-foot alley right of way, rather than on A Street or Pacific Avenue.

Mr. Rowlands said this operation is such that in the manufacturing of their products it is necessary that the material be transported back and forth between the two buildings. He said he understands the Graybar Building has already been purchased by the American Manufacturing Co., and there are certain loadings that do take place on A Street, but by nature of the type of organization it is necessary for transportation to take place back and forth across the alley in order to conduct the business properly.

Mr. Reise said all their deliveries are conducted through the alley, and they have approximately 20 deliveries a day from the alley itself.

Mr. Cvitanich asked who will assume the responsibility of resurfacing the alley if Mr. Reise purchases the Graybar Building, as the present alley does not run that far.

Mr. Rowlands explained if the vacation is approved it will then be the responsibility of the abutting property owners; if the vacation is denied it would be paved only through an L I D.

Mr. Rowlands added that he understands that the American Manufacturing Co. paved the portion abutting their buildings on their own volition.

Mr. Bott said a letter has been received from the Western Greyhound Lines, objecting to this vacation. He wondered if the parking were restricted in the alley, if this would make the transporting of goods much easier.

Mr. Reise said he did not feel the parking was a problem but felt the problem was the movement of vehicular traffic.

Mr. Bott asked if it would be possible to close the alley during working hours only; therefore, it would not have to be vacated.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, said this could not be done legally -- a public street cannot be closed in this manner.

Mayor Hanson asked if a representative of the Greyhound Lines were present to voice their objections to this vacation.

Mr. Murtland said the letter written to the Planning Commission by Mr. H. Egger, Regional Manager, asked that they be notified.

Mr. Buehler said it was his understanding that they had been; however, he did not have material at hand to know for certain.

Mr. Bott said inasmuch as the letter specifically states that they be notified, and there is no evidence at present that they have been, he asked that the hearing be postponed.

Mr. Easterday then moved that the hearing be continued for one week. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Communication from the Planning Commission recommending to the City Council that fifty percent (50%) of the original \$100 filing fee deposited with the City Treasurer on October 2, 1959, be refunded to Mr. Jack Warnick, the petitioner for Puget Sound Manufacturing Co. 1123 St. Paul Avenue, Tacoma.

Mayor Hanson asked what is the recommendation of the Council on this request.

Mr. Rott moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be accepted and that fifty percent (50%) of the original \$100 filing fee be refunded to Mr. Warnick. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Hanson said a communication has been received from the Planning Commission in regard to the Civic Auditorium proposition, which was read by the City Clerk. The letter stated that at a special joint meeting of the Commission and its Civic Auditorium Study Committee on August 15, 1960, the following recommendations were made:

- (1) That the building should be a multi-purpose arena-type structure with separate exhibition space;
- (2) That from 5000 to 6000 permanent seats should be contained in the arena;
- (3) That off-street parking for not less than 1500 cars should be provided;
- (4) That the approximate cost of the project be set at \$6,500,000;

and that a proposition be placed on the November, 1960 ballot.

Mayor Hanson said if the Council Members desire that the matter be discussed further, it can be so done at the end of the meeting.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16247:

BY REQUEST OF STEELE:

Authorizing the employment of Carl M. Berry, consulting engineer, for the purpose of providing the City with all necessary data required in the production of design maps for the construction of the airport on the Peninsula site, the total cost not to exceed the sum of \$15,000.

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It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Mr. Rowlands said a memo was distributed to the Council members at the study session, indicating the time table which has been set forth to meet these various deadlines. Today the Housing and Home Finance Agency sent the necessary agreements for the \$104,000 loan to the City for the completion of some of the preliminary work in connection with the Airport. He said this work is necessary to meet F. A. A. requirements before a grant agreement can be consummated with the City. With respect to the hiring of Mr. Berry, this particular firm was selected for some of the photographic and other incidental work, inasmuch as his firm has already done some of the aerial photographic work and could better qualify to meet the deadline set forth. Furthermore, he added, there is no local firm, as such, qualified to do this particular type of aerial photography. Mr. Rowlands explained that this particular Resolution ties in with the next Resolution, which authorizes the employment of Mr. James C. Buckley for the master plan studies. Mr. Buckley, who has been retained by the City periodically for the last 2 1/2 years, is well qualified and well versed with the problems involving the construction of the Airport. After these two phases are completed, the third phase will involve a more or less detailed design of runways, and for that particular phase of work it was agreed by the Public Works Staff to recommend to the City Council that this work could be done by qualified engineers from the Public Works Department, or by a local engineering consulting firm.

Mr. Bob Anderson, Public Works Engineer, said two years ago a preliminary investigation was made to determine what the cost might be of this project. He said Mr. Berry, at that time, was one of the two consultants contacted and he did submit a preliminary report, as did one other firm. Subsequent to that time, Mr. Berry was taking aerial photographs of the site for other purposes while working for Pierce County.

Mr. Anderson said this Resolution provides for the employment of Mr. Berry to furnish the City certain aerial maps and photographs and other information as as surveys, reports, and maps necessary to the proper design and construction of the Airport, at a total cost not to exceed \$15,000. In addition to that, in the same Resolution, it provides that the City retain the services of the United States Government Bureau or Agency of Coast and Geodetic Survey to establish certain horizontal and vertical control points and other surveys as may be necessary for the establishment of the Airport, the cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Anderson said there is some question as to whether or not the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey will be able to meet the time requirements, and should the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey inform the City they cannot meet the proposed dates for completion, the City then plans to employ Carl Berry on a force account basis to perform this required work. He said Mr. Berry has stated the cost of this work would not exceed \$5,000 and would more than likely be down around \$3,000.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Anderson if he had any knowledge of how much has been spent on the Airport site to date.

Mr. Anderson said he was unable to answer that question.

Mr. Rowlands said he was unable to give an answer right at this moment as there has been a considerable amount of time spent by the City's own staff, in addition to the consultant's time.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the City was still receiving the 20% - 80% Federal Aid.

Mr. Rowlands said if the City gets all that is budgeted, it is based on a 50-50%.

Mr. Bott asked if Mr. Berry has been retained by the Public Works Department to take any pictures prior to this time.

Mr. Anderson said he had taken some pictures on his own.

Mr. Bott said, therefore, the City is not committed to him in any way.

Mr. Anderson answered in the affirmative.

Mayor Hanson said this is designed to accomplish one of the requirements of the F. A. A.

Mr. Anderson said Mr. Berry was considered primarily due to the time-saving factor, and on account of the tight schedule involved. He said the photographs are the preliminary step; the maps are then drawn from the photographic material.

Mr. Bott asked if the photographing were the only work that could not be done by local people, and could the ground work be done by local engineers.

Mr. Anderson said the ground control could be done by a number of competent local consultants, and could also be done by personnel from the Public Works Department. However, it is the feeling of the Department that to divide this work was not a good policy.

Mr. Bott said the reason he asked this question was because a local consultant has contacted the Council and expressed his desire to be given an equal opportunity to bid on this work.

Mr. Rowlands said there are other local concerns that have talked with the Public Works Department about doing some of this work, but these firms realize they will be given consideration for a considerable amount of work on the design and detail for the runway, unless the Department is able to recruit qualified engineers to be put on the payroll to do that work.

Mr. Sleavin, of J. J. Sleavin & Associates, professional engineers, said he had written a letter on August 1, 1960, which was delivered to the Mayor's office. He said this letter did not get to the City Manager or to the Council members until Monday, August 15.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Sleavin, for the benefit of the record, if he would tell what the letter was about.

Mr. Sleavin said he has been working with the City Manager for some time and had a very high regard for him and his staff. He said he has talked to the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, three Engineers, and to the Public Works Director, over a period of a year or more, and on August 1, 1960, he wrote a letter to the Mayor and the City Council requesting that he be considered on the planning and design of the Airport, and that the local firm of J. J. Sleavin & Associates, Engineers, Thomas B. Bourne Associates, Engineers & Architects, from Washington, D. C., be considered in a joint venture. He said he found that the letter had never reached the Council's attention, and that is why he is appearing here this evening.

Mr. Sleavin also said that J. D. Whiteford of Walker & Whiteford of Seattle, will aid him in the aerial mapping and making the master plan, although much of the work will be done by his employees in Tacoma.

Mayor Hanson said the letter that Mr. Sleavin had reference to, was received by his office, and apparently something happened that it did not get placed on ~~Tuesday's~~ agenda. Mayor Hanson explained that when the staff is working under pressure of a time schedule, it is easy to understand why a series of meetings are not held with every engineer who has indicated interest in the matter. He said the deadline for employing anyone as map consultants and for the master plan preparation, is August 29, 1960, and <sup>the completed maps</sup> should be submitted to the City by November 2, 1960.

Mayor Hanson said, before final action is taken on this Resolution, the Council should consider Resolution No. 16248, which authorizes the employment of James C. Buckley, Inc. for the purpose of assisting and aiding the City of Tacoma in establishing the precise location of the runway and making master plan studies of the proposed Tacoma Municipal Airport to be located on the Peninsula site, in order that the matters can be taken up together.

Mr. Steele moved that final action on Resolution No. 16247 be postponed until Resolution No. 16248 is considered. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 16248:

BY REQUEST OF STEELE:

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Authorizing the employment of James C. Buckley, Inc. for the purpose of assisting and aiding the City of Tacoma in establishing the precise location of the runway and making master plan studies of the proposed Tacoma Municipal Airport to be located on the Peninsula site.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Olson.

Mayor Hanson said this involves employing a firm for the master plan studies which is another requirement by the F. A. A.

Mr. Rowlands said the reason that Mr. Buckley has been recommended for the location of runway and for making master plan studies, is that he has been retained by the City periodically since the latter part of 1957. Mr. Rowlands said that Mr. Buckley is thoroughly familiar with the problem in this particular location, and has had many contacts with the F. A. A. during these last two and a half years. Since his work has been satisfactory to the City Council, it was felt that he would be qualified to carry out the master plan. Mr. Rowlands added that Mr. Buckley has been recognized nationally and internationally.

Mayor Hanson said he felt the Council is not obligated to continue the services of Mr. Buckley if they do not feel it is the firm best able to assist the City in completing the project.

Mr. Bott said he would like to know just how much the Buckley firm has been paid by the City to date on the work they have done for the Airport.

Mr. Rowlands said some of the work performed by Mr. Buckley has been underwritten by private donors, but the City has paid him \$7,394.00 for his work thus far since 1958.

Mr. Murtland asked Mr. Anderson, City Engineer, of what advantage would Mr. Buckley be over some other firm that is equally qualified.

Mr. Anderson said it was the Department's opinion there would be a distinct advantage, as Mr. Buckley has done much work on the Airport and is well acquainted with the project.

Mr. Murtland said Mr. Sleavin made the remark that he felt the City would gain if a local firm were associated with the project, rather than having three outside firms.

Mr. Anderson said he agreed with Mr. Sleavin's statement. However, the master planning will have to be carried on with Mr. Buckley's firm, very closely associated with the City forces, or the designing consultants. There will have to be coordination, so it is not felt that any difficulty will arise from the procedure questioned by Mr. Sleavin.

Mr. Rowlands said it should be understood that any discussions held with Mr. Sleavin, or with any other local firm, would have been only for the design work. At no time, to his knowledge, have they ever contemplated recommending anyone other than Mr. Buckley for the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Sleavin said they have a firm here in Tacoma that is able to design the master plan and also to carry the work through to completion, and asked to be given that opportunity.

Mayor Hanson said that Bob Anderson is the coordinator on this project, and he would be the one responsible to the Council. He said he could see some advantages in not obtaining a local concern who is not an expert in Airport matters as the final arbitrator of all differences and also as the final coordinator.

Mayor Hanson said he certainly is not adverse to considering Mr. Sleavin's proposal.

Mr. Caldwell, an Engineer representing Thomas B. Bourne Associates from Washington, D. C., spoke on his firm's qualifications and their willingness to undertake this type of work.

Mr. Rowlands said Mr. Caldwell has conducted surveys in different parts of the United States, similar to what Mr. Buckley has done with respect to possible sites and locations for proposed airports. He said he assumed in most of those instances where he was retained to select a site he was also retained to develop the master plan.

Mr. Steele said he thought that Mr. Anderson could explain the work that Mr. Buckley has done, having worked very closely with Mr. Buckley's firm, as they have progressed considerably further than a simple feasibility survey in that they have considered the numerous runway alignments; they have also considered the possibility of varying from the three degrees as was proposed and as requested by the F. A. A. He said he would like to have Mr. Anderson amplify that phase of Mr. Buckley's work to date.

Mr. Anderson said to date Mr. Buckley has the layout in the preparation for the design and structure of the Airport. He has related this layout, etc., into the operation of the field until such time as it may be completed so it can be operated as an airport. He has given the City guidance in all aspects of the physical layout of the airport so that the building areas will be located properly.

Mr. Steele said he wanted Mr. Anderson to emphasize that the services rendered by Mr. Buckley have been considerably more than the initial report of 1958.

Mr. Easterday said he has not changed his opinion in regard to the financing plan of the Airport as it is absolutely unrealistic, and that he would vote against this regardless of whether or not Mr. Buckley or Mr. Sleavin were employed.

Mrs. Olson said she feels that the Council has, more or less, been under the wire on several items which have come before them, and it has been difficult at times to make a decision, and to investigate all aspects and angles, when being urged to decide because of a time schedule. She said she has reviewed the schedule relative to the preliminary work for the Airport, and wondered if the first two dates of August 29, 1960, are not somewhat arbitrary. She said, while many of the Council Members feel that Mr. Buckley has submitted a very fine report, she felt Mr. Sleavin should be commended for his activities in endeavoring to obtain some of the work for himself. She said she would like to move that the vote on Resolutions No. 16247 and No. 16248 be postponed until next week (until August 23), to permit Mr. Sleavin, Mr. Caldwell, and Mr. Whiteford to come in with some kind of recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion to postpone the Resolutions until August 23, 1960, resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Resolution No. 16249:

Fixing Monday, September 26, 1960, at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L. I. D. 2278 for an oil mat surface in the vicinity of 32nd Street N. E. and 49th Avenue N. E.

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

Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16250:

Fixing Tuesday, September 20, 1960 at 7:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of that portion of the southeast corner of No. Alder and Ruston Way where the No. 36th Street extension intersects with Ruston Way. (Petition of John R. Wiborg).

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

Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16251:

Awarding contract to Morris Construction Co. for L. I. D. 4666 in the amount of \$68,543.09 and for the supplemental bid in the amount of \$842.50, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Murtland that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.



**Resolution No. 16252:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to accept a Federal grant in the amount of \$30,000 to assist in the financing of the Tacoma Western Slopes Sewage Treatment Plant.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this is the first portion of the \$250,000 grant which will be made to the City.

Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16253:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen for working conditions and rates of pay.

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

Mr. Bott asked if this has been worked out through the Labor Committee.

Mr. Rowlands said this particular agreement is not worked through the Labor Committee, but through the Federal Government and the Utility Board.

Mr. S. J. Bixel, Personnel Director, said this agreement is one that is negotiated directly by the Utility Board and the Superintendent of the Belt Line and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen relative to the working conditions and rates of pay for said employees pursuant to the authority of the Federal Railway Labor Act.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

**Resolution No. 16254:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for adjustments of wages.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson asked for a motion to suspend the rules in order to take up a Resolution that does not appear on the Agenda.

Mr. Murtland moved that the Rules be suspended in order to take up Resolution No. 16255 at this time. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion that the Rules be suspended resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 16255:

Awarding contract to Motor Products Corporation, for the purchase of 185 manual double parking meters and 50 manual single parking meters, plus installation supports in the total amount of \$24,021.74.

It was moved by Mr. Steele that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Bott said he was opposed to the City purchasing these meters and to changing the present system. He said he did not think it wise to spend \$24,021.74 when the same purpose could be accomplished for approximately \$6,000 with the present meters. He said he thought the extra money spent on this conversion could be used for other purposes as the City will be faced with raising money during budget time.

Mrs. Olson said she felt the Council had approached this problem with "mixed emotions", and, realizing the state the budget is in, no one would want to spend any more money than necessary. She said she personally feels that there is a distinct advantage for shoppers to be able to park their cars for a two-hour period.

Mr. Murtland said he realizes it will cost more money. However, he said he approaches it from the standpoint that the money is taken out of additional revenues, as payment will be made at the rate of 25% of the increased revenues derived from the meters. He asked Mr. Rowlands if it has always been contemplated, when speaking about paying out additional revenues, that it is paid for in three or four years, regardless of whether or not we have additional revenues.

Mr. Rowlands replied that, originally it was contemplated that it be paid for in the number of years necessary it would take to pay for the meters out of 25% over and above what was taken in the previous year. However, in reviewing the various bids it was found the provision was made in this particular bid that, if after three years the meters were not paid for, the City would pay the balance at that time.

Mr. Murtland said he was objecting to this for the reason that he did not know that this three-year deadline was going to be included, as he thought three years was too short a period.

Mr. Bott said, regardless of how long it takes to pay for the meters, it is paid out of excess revenue, and is still coming out of the money the City would normally use for other purposes.

Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, said a meeting was held today with the City Attorney and representatives of the Manager's Office and Mr. Christensen, representing the Motor Products Corporation. He said it is anticipated, by making this change, the parking meters would bring in approximately \$50,000, and the payments for these meters could be made in two years. Mr. Christensen said he did want a definite proposal from the City giving a definite time limit. It was more or less agreed that a three-year basis would give the City sufficient time to pay for the meters. Still it would not be taking money from out of the coffers, he added.

Mr. Porter said the estimate that Mr. Gaisford has just explained, is in line with the experience that the City of Spokane has had in making a similar change, and is based on practical experience.

Mr. Cvitanich referred back to MC 314, quoting: "First of all, regardless of what type of parking meter program may be instituted in Tacoma, over 70% of all meters will still have a rate of 5 cents."

Mr. Porter said it seemed to him the most important consideration is the flexibility, the ease, and the cost, of conversion from the time limit and prices so the meter pattern can be adjusted to fit the use. From the material received in the past two years from various cities using different types of meters, it seemed to him, as near as he could evaluate the problem, about 80% of the cities believed that the meters provided for in this Resolution were about the most satisfactory from those points.

Mrs. Price said another point brought out was the time factor involved in the winding of the meters, which is an additional cost over a period of time.

Mr. Steele said his observation was for reasons of visibility. He said he felt the half-dome on the Duncan Meter best filled this condition.

Mr. Murtland said he felt there still should be more time allowed than the three years set forth in the Resolution for paying for the meters.

Mayor Hanson said he was confident that three years is sufficient.

Mr. Murtland moved to amend the Resolution to provide that instead of the contract being paid in full on or before January 1, 1964, the date be changed to January 1, 1966.

Mayor Hanson called for a second to the motion. The motion lost for want of a second.

Roll call was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Bott; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson said he had two appointments to make at this time, with the approval of the Council, one to the Library Board, and one to the Housing Authority.

He said he would like to reappoint Gerrit VanderEnde for a five-year term to the Housing Authority as he has been a very hard working member of the group and it is quite evident that he is a very valuable member.

Resolution No. 16256:

Appointing Gerrit VanderEnde to the Tacoma Housing Authority for a five-year term commencing August 17, 1960, and expiring August 16, 1965.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Council confirm the Mayor's appointment of Gerrit VanderEnde. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson said he would like to reappoint Mrs. Gimlett for an additional term to the Library Board.

Mr. Easterday moved that the Council confirm the Mayor's appointment of Mrs. Gimlett. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 16628:**

Establishing a rate of pay for a new classification of 0607 Water Control Station Operator. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this particular proposal, providing for a new position, is recommended by the Personnel Committee. He said there was going to be some changes made in the operation of the Water Department which will create this position. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

**FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 16625:**

Vacating a portion of Fife Street between the Northern Pacific Railroad tracks and South Tacoma Way. (Petition of Tacoma Milk Producers Association.) Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

**Ordinance No. 16626:**

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L. I. D. 6763 for modern lighting in South Tacoma Avenue from South 35th to 38th Street; Thompson from South 35th to 48th Streets; Park Avenue from South 48th to 64th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

**Ordinance No. 16627:**

Providing for the improvement of L. I. D. 3510 for sewers in the vicinity of East T Street; South 56th to South 72nd Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment rolls for the following:

L I D 6766 for Street Lights on So. Yakima from 6th Avenue south to So. 27th; So. 34th from Tacoma Avenue, to Pacific Avenue; East 34th from East D to McKinley Avenue. 50 192  
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L I D 3501 for Sanitary Sewers in the alley between So. 48th and 49th from State to Ferry, from 62nd Street; from I to J; Alley between Oakes and Fife from So. 78th; East D from 83rd to 84th Street. 50 434  
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It was moved by Mr. Easterday that September 26, 1960, at 4:00 P. M. be set as the date for hearing on Assessment Roll for L I D 6766 and Assessment Roll for L I D 3501. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

#### REPORTS:

The L I D Committee recommending to the City Council that in reference to the assessment roll for L I D 2255 that a real estate appraiser be contacted to re-evaluate the assessments on Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17, Block 7 of the Tanglewood Addition. 201  
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Mrs. Price moved that the Council accept the recommendation of the L I D Committee. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Murtland said he and Mr. Steele were present at that particular L I D meeting. He said in this instance the street has quite an elevation above the properties in this location. The protest was that they already have sidewalks in front of their houses. Now they are being assessed for sidewalks in the rear of their houses that are in some instances 6 to 10 feet higher than their back yards, which does not give them access from their homes to the sidewalks. These property owners feel they are not deriving any benefit from the sidewalks for which they are being assessed.

Mr. Murtland added that the L I D Committee referred this to the Council to determine if there were any way by which they could be relieved of even a portion of the assessment. He said he thought there were only four property owners involved.

Mr. McCormick said one point to consider is that when the Council considers contacting a real estate appraiser, the payment of the appraiser must also be considered. Not too long ago the services of such an appraiser was considered for \$100 per day for Urban Renewal. However, it may be that the personnel from the Public Works Department could be utilized for this appraisal.

Mr. Murtland said he did not believe it was the Committee's intent that that type of an M A I appraiser should be obtained, but the property owners indicated they would be willing to take any kind of an appraisal to obtain an adjustment.

Mrs. Price then amended her motion that the Public Works Department, through their personnel, re-evaluate the assessments on Lots 14 through 17, Block 7, of the Tanglewood Addition. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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

a. Report from the Fire Department for the month of July, 1960.

b. Report from the Municipal Court for the month of July, 1960.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said Mr. Schmidt, of the Washington State Census Board, called from Seattle and said they were sending a letter in a few days indicating that the margin of error in the Census was about 1.3%. He said the City picked up about 494 more individuals that had not been counted previously, which more than paid for the cost of the recheck. It will mean roughly about \$6700 which, when multiplied by ten years, means a sizeable increase. A report will be given to the Council as soon as this letter is received, he added.

Mr. Rowlands distributed MC-315 - Salary Negotiations in the City of Tacoma. He said this MC was worked out with the Personnel Staff in connection with the procedures followed in salary negotiations. This will give the Council Members an idea of what has taken place in the past two years in Tacoma with regard to negotiating with various groups.

Mr. Rowlands said there will be a representative from the A. M. A. in Tacoma on the 17th of August in reference to transportation.

Mr. Buehler said he has tentatively scheduled meetings for the morning of August 17. The A. M. A. representative is endeavoring to interest the Cities and Metropolitan areas in broad urban transportation studies. The City of Tacoma and the Puget Sound Regional Governmental Conference is now entering into some preliminary discussions with the Bureau of Public Roads in the State. It seems quite timely that he is here to go over this matter. Mr. Buehler said arrangements have tentatively been made to meet with people from Fort Lewis, Transit Companies, and County Commissioners, and it would be desirable that as many of the Council as possible be present.

Mr. Rowlands said they would notify the Council of his arrival so that those who desire to meet with him can do so.

Mayor Hanson called the Council's attention to both the Civic Auditorium and the Transit System propositions which are still pending. He asked that they delve into these matters and get their opinions formulated so that some conclusion may be reached. The deadline for submitting these on the ballot is drawing near, he added.

Mr. Porter said he thought it would be well if the Council could meet before the Study Session next Monday in order to exchange their ideas on the subjects, with the hopes of trying to come to some agreement then at the Study Session.

Mayor Hanson said additional information will be available on the Transit System after the meeting with representatives of the purchasers, who will be holding a meeting of all employees on Thursday.

Mr. Murtland said he would like to ask for a leave of absence from the next Council meeting as he would be unable to attend. Mrs. Price moved that a leave of absence be granted to Mr. Murtland. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Cvitanich said last week the Manager failed to give a report on the Census count, inasmuch as it had been agreed previously that a weekly report would be given.

Mr. Rowlands said the Council had been given the information on the count up until the final phase.

Mr. Buehler said the work was finished about two weeks ago and the material is being formulated. Mr. Rowlands said a report will be given to the Council.

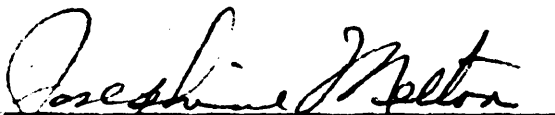
Mr. Cvitanich said he realized that, but the understanding had been, when he changed his vote on the Census Count Ordinance, that a weekly report would be given.

Mr. Rowlands said that was true, but there had been nothing further to report until last Tuesday.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 P. M.

  
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Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

  
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City Clerk