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Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.,  
Monday, October 20, 1958

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7; Anderson, Easterday, Perdue, Porter, Price, Humiston and Mayor Hanson. Absent 2, Bratrud and Goering. Mrs. Goering taking her seat at 4:15 P.M.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Humiston that the minutes of October 7, 8, 9, 10, and 14, 1958 be approved as submitted.

Mr. Easterday moved to amend Mr. Anderson's motion that the minutes for October 9, 1958 be amended by changing the typographical error "Mrs. Porter" on the last line of Page 405 of the Council Minutes, to read "Mr. Porter. Motion seconded by Mrs. Price and carried unanimously.

Roll was then taken on Mr. Anderson's motion as amended, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bratrud and Goering.

PETITIONS:

Harold E. Wagner: - Requesting reclassification of property at 6th and Huson Streets be rezoned from an R-3 District to a R-4 District. Referred to the City Planning Commission. 504

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15516:

By Easterday:

Fixing Monday, November 17, 1958 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of North 15th and North 16th Streets from Pearl to Shirley and the alley between No. Pearl and Woodlawn Streets from North 14th to North 18th, and the westerly 10' of Woodlawn Street between North 14th and North 18th Streets. 482

It was moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution, Seconded by Mr. Humiston.

Adopted on roll call October 20, 1958  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bratrud and Goering.

Resolution No. 15517:

By Bratrud:

Fixing Wednesday, November 12th at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on I D 2281 for concrete sidewalks and driveway crossings on East 56th Street from McKinley Avenue West to East F Street on the North, and to the West boundary line of Block 1, West View Tracts, on the South side of East 56th Street. 487

It was moved by Mr. Easterday to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call October 20, 1958  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bratrud and Goering

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16195:

Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 15693 pertaining to the repayment of a temporary loan from the Local Improvement Guaranty Fund. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16196:

Amending the Official Code relating to zoning by deleting Section 13.06.040 and by adding a new section to be known as Section 13.06.050 (1) Property located on the N.W. and S.W. corners of East 40th and Spokane Streets and rezoning from an R-2 District to an R-3 District. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16197:

Vacating the walkway between Blocks 1 and 2, Sunset Hills First Addition, located between Dahl Drive and North 11th Street near the west line of Bennett Street. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16193:

Amending Section 1.30.610 of the Official Code relating to Pensions - Election to receive cash settlement on retirement. Read by title.

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

Ordinance No. 16194:

Amending Ordinance No. 16182 which amends Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code by correcting a description regarding property located at 94th and Pacific Avenue. Read by title.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review of Consulting Engineers proposal for Yakima Avenue Bridge.

Mr. George Smith, Acting City Manager, presented to each Councilmember a copy of a letter from Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works regarding the total estimated cost of the Yakima Avenue bridge.

Mr. Easterday explained that he had checked the site and that he could not vote intelligently on this matter until more information is available. He said the Public Works Department should have more time to study this proposal before any action is taken by the Council. He asked that Council take no action for at least two weeks.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained to Council that they would like to have a little more time in order that the Department could do further study on ramps and approaches on the north end of the project.

Mr. Easterday then moved that the action on the Yakima Avenue Bridge be postponed for at least two weeks until November 3, 1958, seconded by Mr. Porter.

Dr. Humiston said whatever time the Public Works Department needs to study any phase of the project should be given them, but since Mr. Whitacre has a staff of employees working on this project, he would like to know whether he should proceed with some of the detail plans and specifications. He said he would like to know if it would be feasible, or would it be any disadvantage to the City, to approve a portion or portions of the project, and whatever time is needed by the Public Works Department, it should be allowed. He said he had hoped that Mr. Whitacre could continue his efforts adjacent to the Reservoir area and permit the City to take a little more time on the balance of the bridge.

Mr. Easterday said perhaps consideration should be given to the fact that there will be a lot of surplus dirt from the construction of the new Freeway and asked if the City could possibly negotiate a contract with the Highway Department, whereby the State could put in a fill for the south approach to the Bridge at a considerable saving to the City.

Dr. Humiston asked Mr. Schuster if the study of the north end approaches would effect the design of the main span over Wakefield Drive as to its elevation, etc.

Mr. Schuster said that one of the items being considered now by the Traffic Engineers were the approach ramps, both from Center Street on the main structure and from the main structure off onto Center Street as it goes toward Tacoma Avenue. He said this is one of the things they are considering at the moment.

Mr. Whitacre said the discussion on the north approach road was a matter he did not know about. He said he thought the plans and figures he got from the City was what they wanted. He said he mentioned the approach ramps last Wednesday when talking to Mr. Schuster and told him that the cost would be approximately \$300,000.

Mr. Anderson asked if Mr. Whitacre had been working with the Public Works on this matter.

Mr. Whitacre said to his knowledge they had been working together.

Mr. Anderson said as long as they have been working together he could not see why Mr. Whitacre was unaware of the change.

Mr. Schuster explained he talked to Mr. Whitacre last Wednesday on the possibility of the ramps off the bridge onto Center Street, and Mr. Whitacre agreed there should be some investigation on this matter and he gave him the figure of approximately \$300,000; so they have taken it from that point and are trying to come up with something that will fit into the whole scheme. After the appraisal value of the property and the cost of the main ramps for the installation of the clover leafs, it appears that the City can put in ramps as cheaply as the approaches. Our Traffic Engineer is of the opinion, and is sure Mr. Whitacre is of the same opinion, as it would be much more satisfactory and would cost approximately the same.

Mr. Schuster said originally the Public Works Department came in with the clover leaf design because they thought it was a matter of economics. He said the Traffic Engineer would prefer to come off with ramps, and there were also some other factors that have come up and a delay of two weeks would be appreciated.

Mayor Hanson said he thought the point was to move as slowly as possible to accomplish what is necessary. He said that in delaying this only indicates that, "we are making use of the preliminary reports and making very sure we are making the best decision possible."

Mayor Hanson said there was a motion on the floor to postpone action on the Yakima Avenue Bridge for at least two weeks. He said that in discussing the project it was suggested that they postpone proceedings on everything but the South portion to the end of the main span. He asked if this change were agreeable to the person who seconded the motion. Mr. Porter consented to this change.

Dr. Humiston said he thinks this motion should be put in the positive:

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That the Engineer be authorized to proceed with the detailed specifications and drawings of a certain section of the bridge rather than to delete something that is not even positive.

Mr. Easterday then moved that the City authorize the architectural consultants to detail that portion of the project, the south end of the main structure to the south end of the structure beyond the Reservoir. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Dr. Humiston moved to amend Mr. Easterday's motion to specify that this authorization does not include any drawings or specifications with respect to the Reservoir itself. Dr. Humiston said he thought it would be simpler if Mr. Easterday would withdraw his original motion and restate it. The motion was then withdrawn with the consent of the second.

Mr. Easterday then moved that they authorize and instruct the Civil Engineers to proceed with the Plans and Specifications on that portion of the project from the south end of the main structure to the south end of the project. Seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Mr. Whitacre said as he understands it the City wants them to get into the working drawing stage; prepare the detailed drawings, and prepare into the specifications, what is defined in the report as the south elevated approach, which would be the structure lying south of the main span and north of the north end of the State constructed bridge over the Freeway and do nothing with the Reservoir.

Dr. Humiston then moved to amend Mr. Easterday's motion that no detailed drawings or specifications are authorized by this motion for the handling of the Hood Street Reservoir. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Roll call; Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bratrud.

Vote was then taken on the original motion by Mr. Easterday to postpone action on the project from the South end of the main span to the south end of the project. Roll call; Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bratrud.

Dr. Humiston said that he was also looking into the matter of the Reservoir by the proximity of Highways, other than debris, dust or fumes. He said he asked Mr. Benedetti, Superintendent of the Water Department, to appear before Council to give them any information that he has on the matter that is available.

Mr. Benedetti said that this problem poses a serious threat to the purity of the water in the Reservoir. He said originally the Water Division requested that the bridge be at least 100 feet from the Reservoir but it was found that this would make the cost of the bridge prohibitive, and it was decided that the bridge will come within 45 feet of the Reservoir. The first consideration was that the Reservoir would be covered. In many Cities where they have built Reservoirs in isolated sites, they have found that it became more densely populated and have accepted the fact that possibly the water will be contaminated and have taken steps to chlorinate the water.

He said they have checked with the State Health Department, Mr. Whitacre, the Public Works Department and the City's own sanitary engineer and have attempted to obtain other Cities' experiences regarding similar situations. He said there are very few, if any, circumstances where a Reservoir is located so closely to a highway as this unless it is covered.

Mr. Benedetti said that the Department agreed to the distance of 45 feet if satisfactory arrangements were made to protect the Reservoir.

A barrier wall was discussed, but they found that it would interfere with motorists line-of-sight, due to the bridge curves, and a fence or wall would have to be at least 40 feet high to give the necessary protection to the Reservoir.

He said they had discussed a cantilever type cover but it would necessitate the draining of the Reservoir and breaking the floor for the placing of pillars, then it would have to be re-sealed and chlorinated.

It was asked how much it would cost to relocate the Reservoir, Mr. Benedetti said he believed it would cost in the excess of \$500,000.

Dr. Humiston asked if it would interfere with the planning of the Water Department or with the detailed work on the design of the bridge if they deferred this for a while and went so far as to start using the highway and then see what the problem really is.

Mr. Benedetti said he would not recommend this approach as there is too much of an element of gamble. He said if the water did get contaminated then the only way they could find out would be by a constant checking of the water, and by the time it was discovered some of the water would have been transmitted to various parts of the City and would have been consumed.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Benedetti if he knew how soon they would be able to find out from the State Highway Department as to whether or not they would be covering the Reservoir.

Mr. Benedetti said the City was working on this phase but he did not know when they would be able to find out definitely.

Dr. Humiston asked Mr. Benedetti if he could have someone check to see if there are any articles written on this problem of covering the Reservoir, and also that of a Reservoir being in the close proximity of a State Highway of this kind.

Mr. Perdue asked if they were now proceeding on the theory, other than throwing things into the Reservoir, of exhaust gasses from vehicles being a contaminating factor.

Mr. Benedetti replied that is one factor; also dust from the roadway itself, spray from vehicles and also rain.

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Whitacre, in his opinion, should the main portion of the bridge be pre-stressed concrete or of steel.

Mr. Whitacre said their recommendation was for the structural steel.

Mr. Anderson said that several members of the Council were of the opinion that there should be an alternate bid for the concrete so they could have a comparison. He said perhaps the plans could be based on the pre-stressed concrete and an alternate on the steel, and asked Mr. Whitacre's thinking on the matter.

Mr. Whitacre said they have carried on with their work with the best of their knowledge and experience and have come up with costs that they feel are fair and true. The structural steel span will cost approximately \$100,000 less than the reinforced steel. Mr. Whitacre said they used the figures for pre-stressed concrete in figuring their estimate for the job.

Mr. Anderson said it was his understanding that the Council was to decide on the type of bridge that was desired as it was more or less left up in the air a week ago.

Mayor Hanson said that was the general idea but the Public Works Department has requested additional time to look into this matter and the discussion was to continue the matter for two weeks, and as soon as the Public Works Department has completed their studies, we will be able to give the final details on the project, he added.

Mr. Whitacre said that perhaps in the two weeks time they could decide on the type of material of which the bridge should be built.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Whitacre, that presuming in two weeks the City may be in the position to tell them to go ahead with the work, when would they be ready to call for bids.

Mr. Whitacre said he thought it would be the latter part of February.

Mayor Hanson said he hoped that this delay of two weeks would not inconvenience Mr. Whitacre too much.

MC 230 - Third Progress Report on Capital Improvements Program

In connection with this the Manager's office distributed a notice of

the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Committee for Tacoma's Future Development scheduled for 10:30 A.M. Friday, October 24th, in the Mayfair Room of the Winthrop Hotel.

L I D 5301

Dr. Humiston advised that the Hearing on this L I D was held last Tuesday concurrent with the Council Meeting. He explained that this Water Main Improvement is for the unplatted development known as the North Shore Development and is to cost approximately \$90,000.

It was the feeling of the Committee that this matter should be referred to the entire Council inasmuch as there is a great deal more information available which has not been presented. It was the consensus of the Committee that an ordinance be drawn to bring the matter before the entire Council, but he was informed by the City Attorney that there was not sufficient material available in reference to the legal description, to draw up an ordinance. When sufficient material is available, Dr. Humiston said the Attorney will prepare and submit an ordinance for Council's consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

L I D 4644

Mr. Smith, Assistant City Manager, advised that both the Public Works Department and the Legal office would like to know, in view of the protests that have been filed on South Trafton Street, whether this one street, which now has 59% remonstrances, be deleted from the district.

It was reported that the Hearing held August 26, 1958 by the L I D Committee, 10.5% remonstrances had been filed. At that time the Committee approved the district. Inasmuch as there was insufficient funds to proceed with the improvement, the drawing of the Ordinance was held up until October 20th after the 1959 Budget was adopted. According to State Law, property owners have the opportunity to file remonstrances thirty days after the ordinance is passed.

In the meantime a petition protesting South Trafton Street from South 10th to South 12th was filed amounting to 59%. Inasmuch as this area was detached from the district, it was requested that an opinion be obtained from Council whether or not South Trafton Street should be deleted from the district.

It was discussed whether it would be better to delete this street now or to wait until the ordinance has been drawn.

Mrs. Price then moved that South Trafton Street from South 10th to South 12th be deleted from the district. Seconded by Easterday.

Dr. Humiston said he felt the whole thing should come before Council in the form of an ordinance and the people that protested will then know that this will be discussed by Council, and at that time, they will have an opportunity to still protest. He would prefer that this action not be taken now, but when it comes before Council, in the form of an ordinance, he would then vote for the deletion of the area.

Mayor Hanson said inasmuch as there is 59% remonstrances against this particular area, he was sure there would be a lot of people alarmed for some time pending the final action by Council.

Roll was then called on the motion to delete South Trafton from South 10th to South 12th. Ayes 3; Nays 5, Anderson, Goering, Humiston, Perdue and Porter; Absent 1, Bratrud. Motion lost on roll call.

An ordinance will be presented for Council's consideration providing for the formation of L I D 4644.

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L I D 4649

It was reported that the Hearing for L I D 4649 was held by the L I D Committee on August 26, 1958 at which time remonstrances amounting to 13.2% had been filed by the property owners. At the time of the hearing, it was requested that the ordinance providing for this district not be presented to Council until October 20th, inasmuch as the funds must come from the 1959 Budget. 430

In the meantime a petition protesting North 9th from Mullen to Villard was filed amounting to 61%.

An ordinance will be presented for Council's consideration providing for the formation of L I D 4649.

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

Fire Department - Monthly Report - September, 1958.

Personnel Department - Monthly Report - September, 1958.

Traffic Division of Tacoma Police Department - Monthly Report - September, 1958.

Finance Department - Monthly Report - September, 1958.

Dr. Humiston explained to Council that the increases for City employees, although shown in the budget, would not be forthcoming unless they are reflected in the Salary Ordinance early in December. He said he was still unhappy that the Council chose to give almost all employees an increase whether the increases were supported by outside pay data or not, and he hoped Council would give these raises a "second look."

Geo. Smith, Assistant City Manager explained that according to our Ordinance the Lybrand, Ross Bros and Montgomery Company's running audit should be presented to Council by November 1st. However, he said, there will be a slight delay and asked if it would be agreeable to Council to authorize that this be submitted by November 15, 1958.

Dr. Humiston moved that this extension of time be granted. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Motion carried Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1. Bratrud.

There being no further business or comments from the audience, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

Attest:

*Jessamine Melton*  
City Clerk

*Ben Hanson*  
Mayor