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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:38 P. M.

Monday, January 16, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 1; Jensen, taking his seat at 7:44 P. M.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Col. Hooker, 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 voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14499. L I D 4596.

By JENSEN:

Stating intention of Council to order resurfacing with asphaltic concrete East 25th Street from East B Street to East G Street and East C Street from Puyallup Avenue to East 26th Street; creating L I D 4596; and fixing February 7, 1956 as the date for hearing.

Adopted on roll call January 16, 1956.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14500.

By STOJACK:

Fixing Monday, February 20th, 1956 as the date for hearing on petition for vacation of alley between South M Street and South Sheridan Avenue extending from South 11th Street to South 12th Street. (Petition Andrew K. Peterson, et al, for Safeway Stores (8-11-55).

Adopted on roll call January 16, 1956.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14501.

By PERDUE:

Authorizing proper officers of City to sell to City of Seattle, at any time hereafter, 24 obsolete Eagle induction disc-type controllers on hand in the Department of Public Works, at not less than \$40.00 each.

Adopted on roll call January 16, 1956.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14502.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing proper officers of City to deliver a local improvement assessment deed to Mueller-Harkins Motor Co. upon payment of \$4,000 in cash, for sale of property located 300 feet east of Pearl Street near North 31st Street.

Adopted on roll call January 16, 1956.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14503.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing private sale of vacant property located in vicinity of

4418 North 8th Street, specifically described herein, to Edna Radonich for the sum of \$56.95, subject to assessment in L I D 5228, which is to be assumed by the purchaser.

Adopted on roll call January 16, 1956.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14504.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing private sale of certain property located in vicinity of 4418 North 8th Street to S. W. Scott and Armetta B. Scott for sum of \$6.33 in cash.

Adopted on roll call January 16, 1956.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 14505.

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By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to sell certain real property located at South 23rd and Winthrop Avenue, which was formerly used by the Water Division, to American Manufacturing Co. on their bid of \$4225.00 and setting forth terms and conditions of said sale. Dr. Humiston explained that the Public Utility Board felt the bid of American Manufacturing Co. to purchase the property on terms was the most advantageous to the Water Department. The Mayor said he would like to have an opportunity to review the cash bids before taking action on the resolution. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker that Resolution No. 14505 be laid over for one week to January 23rd, 1956 and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Perdue reported there are two resolutions, not on tonight's agenda, which should be adopted at this meeting. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Humiston that Rule 7 (relative to filing new matter for Council's consideration) be suspended in order to consider these resolutions. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14506.

By PERDUE:

Approving recommendations of the Board of Contracts and Awards and Public Utility Board and awarding contract for furnishing all the gasoline requirements during the year 1956 of the City of Tacoma, Tacoma School District No. 10, Metropolitan Park District, for general and supply dock purposes, and the towns of Fircrest and Ruston to the Tide Water Associated Oil Co. approximating \$120,000.

Adopted on roll call January 16, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14507.

By PERDUE:

Approving recommendations of Board of Contracts and Awards and Public Utility Board and awarding contract to Tide Water Associated Oil Co. for furnishing of annual supply of motor oils for 1956, at prices set forth approximating \$4859.55; and awarding contract to Texas Co. for furnishing of the annual supply of greases and gear lubricants for 1956, approximating \$1439.35.

Adopted on roll call January 16, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15522.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, etc." (ZONING ORDINANCE) by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 8L. (C-1 Commercial District on East side of Pacific Avenue from 120 feet south of South line of South 50th to the north line of South 52nd Street-- opposite the Stewart Jr. High School.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15523.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for King County, for the purpose of providing protection for the Water supply of the City of Tacoma. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15524.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Pierce County, under the right of eminent domain, in connection with the construction of a new 100 million gallon reservoir for the City of Tacoma. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15519. L I D 1923.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 1923-- sanitary sewers in Mason Avenue from South 36th to South 37th and in South 36th from Mason to Tyler. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15520, W. O. Nos. 6038 and 5977.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement designated as Work Orders Nos. 6038 and 5977, consisting of construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks, gutters and curbs along, and driveways across sidewalks. Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date fixed by the City Council on January 3, 1956 for a public hearing on the request of the Tacoma Transit Co. to abandon the Tacoma Avenue-K Street Route and to change a portion of the Old-Tacoma-Fircrest Route to meet service requirements of the abandoned line, the hearing was held at this time. Mr. Curtiss L. Hill, President of the Transit Co., stated this service had been instituted over 19 years ago in an effort to replace the North K Street car line, when they changed over to buses, and it had been losing money ever since. They wish to discontinue the portion between South 11th and K Street and South 13th and Tacoma Avenue, which is crossed by the 6th Avenue, 11th Street, K Street, Pt. Defiance and College lines, and therefore is within two or three blocks of a bus line at all points, Mr. Hill said. They also propose to re-route the Old Tacoma-Oakland bus so it will turn north on Tacoma Avenue at 27th Street, go to 13th and then down 13th to Broadway on the incoming trip. The out going trip will go up 15th Street instead of 13th

to avoid traffic congestion at 13th and Market, and then proceed south on Tacoma Avenue to South 27th. This will give Tacoma Avenue south of 13th Street much better service, including evenings and Sundays, when there is no bus service at present. The change will save the Company in the neighborhood of \$10,000, and they think this saving should go into employees salaries, Mr. Hill stated. The change in routing will work a hardship on some customers, as service will be discontinued on Jefferson Avenue, but this street is not too far from other bus lines. The school children will not be inconvenienced as they plan to run two school trippers in the morning and afternoon to take care of these passengers, Mr. Hill added. Mr. Hill read for Council's information the notices which the Company had posted in the buses and said that the operators have made every effort to advise regular passengers of the proposed changes. Only one written protest had been received from an employee of the Tacoma Public Library, he said. Mrs. Arthur Richardson, 2336 South Tacoma Avenue, spokesman for a delegation of residents on Tacoma Avenue, said they were all in favor of the re-routing as it would give them much better service than they had at present. Mrs. George Moore, 2544 South Tacoma Avenue, said she favored the changes, as any bus service would be better than what they now have. Mr. Jensen said several people who worked until 1 A. M. had complained to him that the last bus left town at 12:40 A. M., and asked if anything could be done for them. Mr. Hill replied that "Owl" service had been discontinued sometime back, as there was not sufficient patronage to make it pay, and said the Company could not afford to run buses any later than 12:40 A. M. Mayor Tollefson explained that final action on the passage of the ordinance covering the changes requested by the Transit Co. could not be taken until January 30th according to Charter provisions.

Mayor Tollefson read a letter signed by Wm. R. Wright and two other property owners, asking to be added to the list protesting against L I D 4584, paving, curbs, gutter and storm sewers on South Melrose and State Streets. Upon consulting the map of the improvement, it was ascertained that two of the protests had previously been counted, leaving only one new remonstrance. Mr. Backstrom read a letter from the City Engineer, giving information requested by Council at the last meeting, which stated that for proper drainage of this district, and any future paving adjacent to the district, a storm sewer must be laid at this time on Melrose Street from State Street west. Mr. Jensen pointed out that last week property owners not in favor of the improvement had appeared before Council, and since the proponents had no knowledge this hearing was to be held, he thought they should be given an opportunity to be heard tonight. Vane E. Walter, 2310 South Melrose, speaking for the group, stated that a representative from the Public Works Department had served the property owners notice the street had to be fixed as it was in an impassable condition, and he left a petition at his house. He had contacted those living in the neighborhood and, when it appeared the majority favored the improvement, he then circulated the petition. A hearing was held before the L I D Committee and the district was approved, which was the last they had heard concerning the matter, Mr. Walter said. He stated the Park Board was pleased with the proposed improvement, as they felt it would help to correct the parking problem in the neighborhood, which has developed from those who attend the ball games using the street for parking purposes instead of the parking lot. He urged the Council to make the improvement of a permanent rather than temporary nature. Mr. Jack Bloomquist, who was the spokesman for the group opposing the improvement, again said the cost was too high for the majority of the property owners and agreed they would like to see the street improvement. He suggested an oil mat surface, which would cost each property owner only \$35.00, and pointed out that most the streets in the neighborhood are this type. Mr. Jensen called attention to the financial aid being given by the City on this project, which amounts to approximately 49% of the cost. They will have a permanent street with curbs and gutters if this improvement goes in, which will materially increase the value of their property, he claimed. Dr. Humiston said he had made an effort to ascertain if the information given property owners was correct and had conversed with one lady in the neighborhood, and from what she told him it appeared the matter was openly and completely explained to them. Ralph Brown, 2207 Melrose, said he didn't know about the driveway, which added approximately \$58 to the cost, nor was he aware that he would be charged for State, when he signed the petition. Mr. Calkins,

City Engineer, explained that the driveway extends for 8 feet from the curb to the sidewalk and that \$58.00 is their estimate of the cost of same. R. N. Gilmore, 2201 So Melrose, said he would like to see the parking lot of the Ball Park improved so cars will park off the street, and reported that Mr. Lantz and Mrs. Stewart of the Park District have promised to have the parking lot improved if the paving goes through. He would like to see a definite hearing fixed and the matter settled, as he is being put on the spot by members of both sides, Mr. Gilmore, who is a member of the Tacoma Police force, said. Dr. Battin pointed out that this district had been handled according to the policy set down by the Council, and if the Council was not going to accept the recommendations of the L I D Committee, but instead hear these matters at the Council meetings, they might as well abandon the Committee idea. Col. Hooker agreed with Dr. Battin's statements about Council policy, and said he was now in favor of proceeding unless the required 60% remonstrance is filed. Mayor Tollefson said he would like to have the matter referred back to the L I D Committee for further hearing and recommendation, and explained as his reason, that he hoped the property owners would change their opinions and feel the improvement was worth the cost after they considered the matter more fully. Mayor Tollefson then referred the matter back to the L I D Committee for further study and recommendation at the meeting on February 7th at 10:00 A. M. and those present were so advised and also informed that no notices of this hearing would be mailed out to the property owners by the City.

Mr. Backstrom reported on the request of the Machinists Cascade Lodge (1-3-56) for a charter amendment, granting 5 percent preferential to Washington manufacturers on contracts for public improvements. He stated that the Executive Board of the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Bureau had considered the matter and reported they were not in favor of 5% differential. The City Purchasing Department had reviewed recent bids and out of seven only one would have been changed by the 5% differential. Mr. Backstrom read in full a letter from the Director of Utilities, summarizing the conclusions of the Utility Board and Department Superintendents on the 5% preferential to Washington concerns after a thorough discussion at their meeting of January 11th, as follows: 1) Existing State Statutes give the City the right to give preference, and the Utility Board has taken advantage of this authorization on numerous occasions, and it is felt nothing further was necessary to favor Washington manufacturers; (2) That the Utility Department would in many instances desire to favor Tacoma concerns and it was deemed desirable by the Board that provisions be made to allow the Board to give a 5% preference to local goods, but that this should not be made mandatory; (3) That nothing whatever should be done to in any way restrict or shackle contractors bidding on public improvements of the City, as it was felt this would undoubtedly result in higher prices on contracts. At Mr. Backstrom's request the Association of Washington Cities made a hurried survey and he reported that the following cities in Washington do not give 5% preference to Washington concerns: Moses Lake, Longview, Pullman, Wenatchee, Bremerton, Bellingham, Pasco, and that Seattle and Kennewick give preference. Asked for his recommendation, Mr. Backstrom said he does not think it should be mandatory and that in his opinion a resolution of the Council to instruct the administrative staff to give 5% preferential to Washington firms, all other considerations being equal, would accomplish the same purpose as a Charter amendment. Mr. Bratrud said he felt the matter should be put on the Ballot for the citizens to decide as requested by the Machinists Local. Dr. Humiston favored the Council handling the problem rather than a Charter amendment. Mr. Stojack favored putting the question on the ballot. After further discussion, Attorney Annon May, representing the Machinists, agreed to go along with the passing of a resolution by the Council at this time, and possibly having a Charter amendment submitted at a later date. Mayor Tollefson requested the City Attorney to prepare a resolution covering this matter.

Mrs. Goering reported that she has had a request from the group sponsoring the rehabilitation of the Tacoma Stadium for permission to appear before the Council for the purpose of presenting facts and information on the project. The Mayor suggested that a separate meeting be arranged for this purpose, and asked Mrs. Goering to contact the group to ascertain a date favorable to them, which she agreed to do.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 9:58 P.M.

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President of City Council