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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, December 16, 1957.

Council met in regular session. Present 8: Battin, Bratrud, Humiston, Jensen, Tollefson, Perdue, Stojack and Mayor Anderson. Absent 1; Goering who took her seat at 7:40 P. M.

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Goering.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15164:

L I D 5293:

BY GOERING:

Fixing January 7, 1958 as date for hearing on L I D 5293 - cast iron watermains on Alaska Street from South 64th Street to South 72nd Street.

Adopted on roll call December 16, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Goering.

Resolution No. 15165:

BY JENSEN:

Awarding contract to Evergreen Truck Service for furnishing tires and tubes for the calendar year 1958 for the sum of \$20,000 plus sales tax.

Mr. Rowlands explained to Council that attached to the Resolution is a bid sheet showing the basic prices of the different tires and also the amount of discount of the various companies. The Board of Contract and Awards has made a recommendation that the contract be awarded to the Evergreen Truck Service, whose bid is the lowest by \$1250.00, he added.

Mayor Anderson asked who is the Evergreen Truck Service. Mr. Rowlands said this firm is located in the Federal Way District, although according to the contract they will have to provide storage facilities in the City. He explained that they handle the Pennsylvania Brand tires.

Mr. Tollefson asked: "How long has this Company been in existence?" Mr. Gaisford replied that they have been located at Federal Way approximately seven years.

Mr. Jensen questioned whether this brand of tire was a first line tire at this price.

Mr. Tollefson said he would like to know what assurance the City would have that the Evergreen Firm will be in a position to furnish service comparable to that now being provided from other established firms in Tacoma. He also said he would like to know what type of service both the Utility and the General Government receives from the tire Firms. "Does the City expect service such as changing tires and mounting tires on their fleets?" He would like to know if they are able to supply this service. As a matter of policy, in this type of transaction in awarding contracts for a period of a year on a matter such as tires, the City should give the same test to them by purchasing a small amount to prevent making a mistake in buying a brand that may not prove satisfactory, he added. It was suggested that the Resolution be set over for one week so that these questions can be answered.

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Rowlands if he would obtain this information for the Council for next week's meeting. It was then moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Humiston to defer action on the Resolution for one week to December 23, 1957. Carried unanimously on roll call.

Resolution No. 15166:

BY PERDUE:

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Awarding contract to Montgomery Motor Company for furnishing 17 Solo Motorcycles for the sum of \$20,536.40, plus sales tax.

Adopted on roll call December 16, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15167:By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a release of all rights acquired under that easement executed by Mary Sather on March 13, 1946. (Said easement was acquired originally to provide access to the Light Division's Clover Park Substation.)

Adopted on roll call December 16, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15168:By PERDUE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a release of all rights acquired under easement executed by L. B. MacDonald on October 17, 1947. (Easement was originally acquired to string service wires over and across property on the east side of Dear Street between North 22nd and North 24th.)

Adopted on roll call December 16, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15169:By BATTIN:

Authorizing issuance of a local improvement assessment deed to James P. Downey for \$10.00 for property located south of 4902 South Prospect Street.

Adopted on roll call December 16, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15170:By BRATRUD:

Approving proposed grade elevations designated as lines AR-13 and BR-13 of Sheet No. 38 and lines SR-13 and SL-13 of Sheet No. 39 of the plans entitled "N. P. Railway to South 72nd Street in Tacoma", which had been approved by the Assistant Director of Highways on October 18, 1957.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Public Works Department has checked with the Assistant Director of Highways as to the grades on these streets to determine if they will coincide with the City's street grades and that everything is in order. Mr. Staman, Director of Public Works, advised that these streets are in the vicinity of So. 84th and Sprague Avenue.

Adopted on roll call December 16, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15171:By GOERING:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the State of Washington, acting through the Washington State Highway Commission, for the construction by the State of storm drains for the City's use and payment therefor by the City.

Mr. Rowlands gave a brief explanation of the Resolution and also of the Resolution following: - No. 15172. He said that by entering into the agreement with the State Highway Department the City is assuring the State they are willing to participate in the construction of storm drainage in the amount of \$78,284.05 in the area south of South 72nd Street. In so doing the City should be saving approximately \$138,000.00, he added. By coordinating the program with the State Highway Department at this time they will install trunk storm drains of sufficient size to take care of the entire drainage area instead of merely taking care of the drainage areas it applies to the Freeway right-of-way itself, he stated.

Adopted on roll call December 16, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15172:By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the City of Tacoma to participate in the cost of the Freeway sewer system south of South 72nd Street in the amount of approximately \$78,284.05 which moneys shall be paid from the budgeted funds of the Public Works Department.

Adopted on roll call December 16, 1957  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15998:

Amending the Charter and Official Code - relating to purchasing procedures. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15989:

Amending the Official Code and City Charter relative to reclassification of property located at the N. E. corner of Center and Cedar Streets - from an "R-2" One-Family Dwelling and "M-1" Light Industrial District to an "M-2" Heavy Industrial District. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15990:

Amending the Charter and Official Code by adding a new Section to be known as Section 11.28.240 - One Hour Parking and Fifteen Minute Parking Zones designated. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15591:

Amending the Charter and Official Code by lowering the age limit for minors

aying pool etc., to 18 years. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands asked that this Ordinance be laid over for one week to December 11, 1957 to secure more information from the Police Department. It was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Dr. Humiston, to lay the Ordinance over for one week to December 11, 1957. Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Ordinance No. 15992:

Amending the Charter and Official Code of the City regarding Fumigators, Sprayers and Exterminators. Read by title and passed.

Roll Call: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Tollefson; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15993:

Vacating the westerly 10 feet of North White (Fife) Street from North 29th to North 30th Street. (Petition of O. H. Brazier.) Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15994:

Vacating the westerly 10 feet of South Shirley Street from Sixth Avenue to So. 10th Street. (Petition of Faith Bible Presbyterian Church). Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15995:

Amending certain sections of the City Charter and Official Code of the City of Tacoma, relating to Pay and Compensation Plan for the year 1958; and repealing Sec. 1.12.260. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands advised this ordinance has been reviewed by the Utilities and General Government Staffs and the Personnel Department has gone over it very carefully and there are one or two minor adjustments that should be called to the Council's attention. The question was raised last week with reference to two positions, (1) Sewerman and (2) Gardener I, that they should receive additional adjustments. It was felt that these two positions are properly allocated, based on the studies that were made.

Mr. Rowlands also called attention to a correction to be made in Sec. 1.12.330 under "E" which should read:

"The daily and hourly rates above provided for shall be computed upward to the nearest cent. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to amend the ordinance by inserting the word "upward" between "computed" and "to". Motion seconded by Dr. Battin. This was discussed at length and it was decided that the section should be amended to read as follows: The daily and hourly rates above provided for shall be computed upward to the next cent when fractions of cent are involved". It was then moved by Dr. Humiston to amend the motion to conform with Council's decision. Motion, as amended, seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Rowlands said that Mr. Ketler raised a question last week regarding overtime pay for holidays. He explained to Council that at the present time an employee working on a holiday gets double time: He receives the pay for the holiday, then if he works he gets additional pay which will be straight time for that day's work, but would be double time if he includes the fact that he would receive straight time for the holiday.

Mr. Bucholz, Representative of the Teamsters Union, said this particular matter was brought up for discussion several times and felt that the employees should receive double pay. At the time negotiations were made for the equipment operator's pay schedule and also for a helper, a comparison was made as to the fringe benefits enjoyed by the City employees and the benefits of outside employment. Mr. Bucholz said the City is enjoying fringe benefits amounting to 14%. He said it was the feeling of the Council that they want to pay

wages comparable to Outside Industry but they deducted the 14% for fringe benefits that the City enjoyed over and above Outside Industry. In a sense they are paying for their own vacations and sick leave and also the holidays that was all taken in on the fringe benefits, he added. They are now asking for double time on Sunday and felt that the City employees should receive double time over and above the holidays, because they have already paid for that in the 14%.

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Bucholz, since there are so many holidays in a year, and if a person works on a particular holiday, "Do you think this employee should get double time for working this holiday even though it is a day he is being paid?" Mr. Bucholz replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Bixel what effect this would have on the program. Mr. Bixel replied that he did not feel this would have any adverse affect as far as the operations are concerned, but it would be a matter of policy. Mr. Rowlands explained that if a holiday comes in the middle of the week and an employee does not work on the holiday, in the event he should work on Saturday he would receive time and one-half, and by doing this he has already been paid straight time for the holiday.

Mr. Tollefson said the question was whether or not an employee should receive an amount equal to what he would receive on Saturday or whether he should get just a little more because he was called upon to work on a holiday. He felt that the employee should get a little more than time and one-half due to the fact he is working on a holiday.

Mr. Barline said the City of Tacoma, as well as the Puget Sound Power & Light Co., are the only Utilities out of the ten major Utilities of the Pacific Northwest that are not now paying the regular overtime rate for holiday work in addition to holiday pay.

It was called to the Council's attention that this ordinance would have to be amended to provide for any changes.

It was then moved by Mr. Tollefson that when an employee, whether he works on Saturday or on a paid holiday, get time and one-half for the day he works, if it happens to be a holiday he gets paid for the holiday in addition, he gets time and one-half for working. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue. Mayor Anderson said as he understands it, where there is a contract with the employees setting forth the pay scale, and when there is an emergency, this time and one-half rate does not affect them. Dr. Humiston said the point he wanted to bring out is that the City has employees that are under contract and their overtime pay is stimulated as double time pay, and as far as the bulk of the City employees are concerned the overtime rate is time and one-half. Dr. Humiston said he would like to have this so written that whenever an employee works on a holiday that whatever is agreed upon for overtime pay would then apply. This was agreeable with the Council. Roll

was then called on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin (temporarily).

Dr. Humiston asked that a copy of this amendment be submitted to each Council member before the next Council meeting. Roll was then called on the ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin (temporarily).

#### Ordinance No. 15996:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to garbage, rubbish and pollution.

Mr. Rowlands advised that there were two corrections that should be made in the ordinance which were typographical errors. (1) On Page 3, under Section 5.20.100 (b) it should read, "charge for extra trips per week for a given number of cans per trip, 95% of first trip. (2) That each place in the ordinance where the words "Public Works Department, Sanitary Division," appears it should be changed to read "Public Works Department, Utility Service Division."

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Tollefson, that the ordinance be amended by changing the wording in Sec. 5.20.100 (b) to read "cans per trip" instead of "trips per can", and that the words "Public Works Department, Utility Service Division" be substituted throughout the ordinance wherever the words "Public Works Department, Sanitary Division" appear. Carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Perdue asked why it is necessary to have the rates under commercial for one can greater than for residential.

Mr. Bronow from the Utility Service Division explained that the one-can commercial rate is the same as the one-can residential "carry" rates. The commercial one-can rate is usually only used on permission of the Department by neighborhood grocery stores, apartment houses, etc.

Mr. Rowlands asked what the percentage for commercial one-can pickups were and he was advised by Mr. Bronow that approximately 14% are commercial one-can pickups and that 69% are for three-can pickups.

Mr. Perdue then asked why the commercial establishments with only one-can are penalized by having to pay the higher rate where most of the smaller establishments that have only one can have an entrance on the alley and the cans are more accessible.

Mr. Bronow explained that this provision was to cover the "whole" and not an individual pickup. He advised that most of the neighborhood stores, etc. are on the three-can rate, however, there are some that are on the one-can rate such as barber shops, beauty shops; small offices that do not have much business.

Mr. Jensen asked how much the increased gross will be by using this new rate.

Mr. Bronow advised they expect an increase of approximately \$160,000.

Mr. Rowlands added that the City will be able to operate under this increased rate for only approximately five to six years or until 1961. He said that the City can operate more efficiently and will be able to get the City's equipment in proper condition by rotating the purchase of 26 new trucks at approximately 8 trucks per year, make acquisition of a new site for disposal, etc. and make adjustments as to personnel costs and operation. Roll was then called on the ordinance.

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

Ordinance No. 15997:

Making certain corrections in the Annual Budget for 1958, due to clerical errors and computations of certain salaries and wages in the Department of Public Utilities and in General Government in accordance with the proposed Compensation Plan; declaring a public emergency making necessary the immediate passage and taking effect thereof immediately after publication. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands advised that the changes that were made in the ordinance are due to the hiring of personnel at a higher rate than what was allocated in the Budget. In some instances, he said, they were hired in Step "C" rather than in Step "A".

Mr. Barline said as far as the Utilities Department is concerned, these were clerical errors by reason of the fact there was a misunderstanding on the part of the personnel computing the pay plan. This was not an error in arithmetic, he said, but was just a misunderstanding in the method of applying the pay plan.

Mr. Rowlands advised that the charges that were made will not affect the total amounts budgeted for salaries. Roll was then called on the ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment rolls for the cost of the improvements in the following Local Improvement Districts:

L. I. D. 2268 - grading, ballasting, storm sewer and placing an MC -3 Oil Mat on North 30th Street from Pearl Street to Highlands Street; X

L. I. D. 4600 - grading, ballasting and asphalt paving in the alley between Ainsworth and Grant Avenues from South 17th to South 19th Streets. X

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack, that January 21, 1958 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

(11/25/57)

This is the date to which Council continued the hearing on the Appeal of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation on their statement for business tax received from the Tacoma Tax and License Division on October 21, 1957 in amount of \$4,509.75. Mr. Rowlands asked the Clerk to read a letter dated September 25, 1957 in which the Attorneys for the General Motors Acceptance Corporation offer to pay the taxes for the year 1954, 1955 and 1956 and succeeding years, amounting to \$1,921.04. Mr. Rowlands advised that by accepting their offer of paying the tax for the years 1954, 1955 and 1956, plus succeeding years, would be an equitable settlement. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Dr. Battin, to accept the offer of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation. Carried on roll call Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Local Improvement District 4622 with reference to East 60th Street from East F Street to McKinley Avenue was brought up for further discussion. This matter was set over until this date so that some of the Council members could have an opportunity to look over the area in question.

Mr. Bratrud said he had gone out to look over the street and found that the nature of the Hillsdale Lbr. Co.'s business consists of considerable traffic back and forth from the street from their mill to the storage yard. In improving this street, he said it would create more traffic which would be more open for accidents and also hinder the operations of the Lumber Co.

This was discussed briefly and it was moved by Mr. Bratrud to have the motion reconsidered from last week's meeting and that East 60th Street from East F Street to McKinley Avenue be deleted from L I D 4622. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 3; Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 0.

It was then moved by Mr. Jensen that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance creating Local Improvement District and deleting East 60th Street from East F Street to McKinley Avenue. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously.

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

- X Light Division - Monthly Financial Report dated October 31, 1957.
- X Water Division - Monthly Financial Report dated October 31, 1957.
- X Report on the operation and maintenance of the Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Alarm and Radio for the month of November, 1957.
- X Police Department - Submitting report for November, 1957.
- X Director of Finance- Submitting report for November, 1957.

Mayor Anderson reported to the Council that the Citizens' Committees will have a review and they would like to have a final report by Monday December 23rd, and the meeting will be held at the Utility Building at 3:30 P. M. on that date.

Council then adjourned at 9:40 P. M.

Attest

*Joseph A. Nelson*  
City Clerk.

*J. H. Anderson*  
President of City Council.