

Monday, July 16, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson, Mayor Anderson. Absent 1; Perdue, taking his seat at 7:37 P. M.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin, 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 on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14713. L. I. D. 5279

By HUMISTON:

Fixing August 7, 1956 as date for hearing on cast iron water main in South 18th Street from Walters Road to Crystal Springs Road; creating L I D 5279.

Adopted on roll call July 16, 1956.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14714. L. I. D. 1961. X

By JENSEN:

Fixing August 21, 1956 as date for hearing on laying sanitary or local sewer in James Street from North 17th Street N E to Bridgeview Drive and in Bridgeview Drive from James Street to 350 feet south; creating L I D 1961.

Adopted on roll call July 16, 1956.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14715.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing proper officers of City to sell one used 10,000 kva General Electric synchronous condenser to Tacoma Junk Co. for sum of \$3,128.88.

Adopted on roll call July 16, 1956.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14716.

BY HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to sell three only used 100 kva 2400-120/240 volt distribution transformers to Parkland Light and Water Co. for \$1050, plus sales tax.

Adopted on roll call July 16, 1956.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14717.

By GOERING:

Authorizing private sale to E. L. and Anna P. Byrd, and issuance of

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local improvement assessment deed for property located south of 815 North Prospect Street for \$10.00 in order to clear title.

Adopted on roll call July 16, 1956.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14718.

By GOERING:

Approving recommendations of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for L I D 4580, for asphalt paving, etc. on all remaining streets in Edward P. Miller's Country Club Estates 1st Addition, to Woodworth & Co. Inc. on their low bid of \$83,100.38.

Adopted on roll call July 16, 1956.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Perdue.

Resolution No. 14719.

By GOERING:

Authorizing the Board of Contracts and Awards to award the contract on L I D 1959, sewers on South 19th Street from existing manhole at South 19th and Prospect east 615 feet, to Paine and Gallucci, Inc. on its low bid.

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

Resolution No. 14720.

By GOERING:

Approving recommendation of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for concrete pavement and storm sewers on South 19th from Union to Ainsworth, and a portion of grading, ballasting, surfacing and storm sewers on South 19th Street between Proctor and Durango, Work Orders Nos. 6068A and 6561A, to George Madsen Co. on its bid of \$197,381.96 plus sales tax, or a total of \$197,385.81.

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

Resolution No. 14721.

By GOERING:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Tacoma Transit System and awarding to Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. the tire leasing contract covering furnishing and servicing of tires for the motor coach equipment of said System for the period from August 1, 1956 through July 31, 1959, approximating the sum of \$2,200 monthly.

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

Resolution No. 14722.

By GOERING:

Approving recommendations of Director of Public Works and Board of Con-

tracts and Awards and awarding contract for L I D 4601- paving on North Warner from No. 18th to North 19th to Woodworth & Co. Inc. on its bid of \$3,782.45.

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

Resolution No. 14723.

By GOERING:

Approving recommendations of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for L I D 4583, paving, etc. on East B from 56th to East 60th, etc; and L I D 4585, grading, asphalt paving on East 60th Street from East "B" to East "F" to Woodworth & Co. Inc. on its low bid \$53,299.21.

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

Resolution No. 14724.

BY ANDERSON:

Confirming appointment by the Mayor of Maurice M. Dodge to fill the term expiring June 30, 1962, as a member of the City Planning Commission. Dr. Battin said that in the future he would like to have the Mayor's appointments discussed in an executive session of the Council before being brought up in the Council meeting. If a Council member should have anything against an appointee, he would be hesitant to mention it in a public meeting, but would feel that he could bring it up in an Executive session, he added. Mayor Anderson agreed in making future appointments he would advise Council members of his intent prior to bringing it up in a public meeting.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15660.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of City of Tacoma, to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in Superior Court of State of Washington for Pierce County, under right of eminent domain for purpose of acquiring a tract of land for the construction of a substation for City of Tacoma. (In vicinity of Brown's Pt. Blvd.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15661. L I D 4605.

Repealing Ordinance No. 15649- "An ordinance providing for improvement of South "L" Street from South 35th Street to South 39th Street by construction of asphaltic concrete surfacing thereon, etc.; creating L I D 4605." (60.3% remonstrance filed before awarding of the bids). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15662.

Authorizing execution and delivery of an agreement between the City of Tacoma and the County of Pierce, providing for location, ownership, occupancy and maintenance and operation of the County-City Building, together with all parking lots and facilities in connection therewith; and setting forth and defining therein the rights and duties of the parties and the terms and conditions in respect thereto; and repealing Ordinance No. 15393, passed August 1, 1955. Read by title. Dr. Humiston called attention to the "Bidding Record" on the County City Building, a copy of which had been furnished each Council member. The City's

portion, or 30% of the cost, is approximately \$1,800,000 of which \$1,170,000 will be paid from bonds, leaving \$640,000 to be paid from the City's General Fund, he stated. As there is now approximately \$350,000 in the City Hall Building Fund, if this amount were paid in a lump sum, it would leave \$280,000 more to pay over a 20 year period at \$15,400 a year. Alternate E, to rough in the 5th & 6th Floors, and Alternate F for interior finish of these two floors, would cost approximately \$550,000, to house the Health Department and Dr. Humiston said the Council should make careful examination to see if the City and County actually need new Health Department quarters. Dr. Humiston was requested to furnish each Council member a copy of the information he had presented orally. Mr. Bratrud said he felt it was good business to at least rough-in the 5th and 6th floors at the time of construction of the building and he favored advancing the \$350,000 in the City Hall Fund so the County can take advantage of Alternate E, which must be accepted within 30 days of the bid opening, i.e. August 10th. Mr. Tollefson also spoke in favor of constructing the 5th and 6th floors as costs are continually increasing. He suggested that it might be a good idea to ask, or recommend to, the County Commissioners that they put a bond issue to complete the County-City Building on the ballot this fall, saying that there is no election in 1957 and by the 1958 election, costs may be up considerably and voters may not be as favorable to the proposition as they would be at an earlier date. This recommendation or suggestion should be carefully considered by Council before the next Council meeting, Mr. Tollefson said. City Manager Rowlands said it was his impression that the County Commissioners would not consider putting the issue on the ballot unless they had the whole-hearted support of the Council. Mr. Bratrud pointed out that the alternates must be taken advantage of within thirty days. If the 5th and 6th floors are roughed in now, the County may be able to get something in the neighborhood of \$120,000 from United States Funds to finish the Health Department, he added. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Bratrud to refer the matter to the City Manager for recommendation whether to ask the County Commissioners to accept Alternates E or F, or both, and to present a complete breakdown to the Council of the proposal and the selection of the best alternate. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Ordinance No. 15662 was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15663.

Vacating Hegra Road between Aurora Avenue and Fernside Drive, and that portion of Aurora Avenue lying north of the north line of Hegra Road produced westerly; and retaining and reserving an easement therein for the construction, repair and maintenance of Public Utilities and services. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15657. L. I. D. 1936. 410

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 1936- sanitary sewers in area between Winnifred and Pearl from No. 7th to Bantz Blvd. Read by title, and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15658. L. I. D. 5176. 415

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 5176- watermains in area bounded by Union Avenue, South Tacoma Way, South 38th Street and South 48th Street. Read by title and passed.

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

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Ordinance No. 15659. L. I. D. 4582.

48:30 Providing for paving, construction of curb and gutter, with necessary storm drainage on South Fife Street from South 19th Street to South 17th Street; creating L I D 4582. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15630.

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An ordinance to be known as the Driveway Control Ordinance, relating to and controlling the construction of proposed driveways and curbs, gutters and sidewalks adjacent thereto; defining the duties of the Director of Public Works in relation thereto; providing penalties for the violation thereof; and amending Section 4 of Ordinance No. 14734. Read by title. Mr. Jensen contended that the ordinance in its present form would mean high cost to property owners now by requiring the placing of curbs and gutters and sidewalks when the driveway is constructed. The ordinance will eventually make the City 100% as far as curbs and sidewalks are concerned, but for many years it would mean spot improvements scattered throughout the City, Mr. Jensen stated. He also expressed opposition to the requirement for sidewalks in industrial areas where he felt a guard rail in front of the parking area with 30 foot driveways for entrance and exit would take care of the situation at much less cost to the property owner. In reply to a question from Mr. Perdue, Director of Public Works Staman stated that similar ordinances have been adopted by many other cities, and that Tacoma's ordinance contains provisions from many of these. This ordinance will help to control traffic and cut down accidents, Mr. Kosai, Traffic Engineer, stated. City Manager Rowlands said a number of things are involved, such as safety, improving looks of the City by having uniformity and that fundamentally this is a good ordinance. Mayor Anderson objected to the requirement for sidewalks in industrial areas where they will never be used. Mr. Tollefson favored the ordinance as a good one for over-all safety. At the close of the discussion, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Tollefson that the ordinance be laid over for one week to July 23rd and that Council members bring in suggestions for amendments. Carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Battin; Absent 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities submits assessments and assessment rolls for cost of improvements in the following Local Improvement Districts:

L. I. D. ⁴⁹¹ 5256--cast iron water mains in East 50th from East B to approximately 720 feet east, and in East B from East 50th to East 52nd;

L I ⁴⁹¹ 5257-- cast iron water mains in South 19th Street from Tyler to Mason; in Mason from South 19th to South 23rd; in Tyler from South 12th to 19th and in South 17th from Tyler to Mason.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that August 21, 1956 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Mayor Anderson read a letter from the Municipal Civil Service League, Inc. inviting Council members to attend their Annual Citywide Employees Picnic on Saturday, July 21st at Titlow Beach Park. He urged all Council members to attend this function if at all possible and stated that he intended to be present.

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Council members were reminded of the hearing on the Fife Incorporation to be held at 7:30 P. M. in Judge Richmond's court room July 17th.

Mr. Roger Duran, of 5671 South Thompson, and Mr. Hugh Quigley of 5647 South Thompson, appeared before Council to protest the blading of their street by the City^A Public Works Department. The City equipment came out to begin the ripping this morning, but was called in By Public Works Director Staman after they telephoned their objections, Mr. Duran said. They protested the manner in which notices were handed out and also alleged that they were shown prejudice , as Fawcett Avenue in the 5700 block, which was in much worse condition, was patched while their street is to be returned to gravel. Mr. Staman said Thompson Avenue is in a very bad shape and property owners had been notified this spring that it was likely to be returned to gravel unless they were willing to sign in favor of one of the three alternatives listed in the notice. The property owners have given no indication what they wished to do, so the City crew was dispatched to do the work this morning, he added. However, if the property owners want to have an oil mat put down, the Department will delay the action until the petition is filed, Mr. Staman agreed. Mr. Quigley said he thought the property owners will approve the \$3.00 a front foot proposition. 493

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

John H. Anderson
President of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk.