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City Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.  
Monday, April 25, 1960

The City Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7; Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Perdue, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 2, Porter and Steele. Mr. Steele coming in at 4:10 P.M.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Porter and Steele.

Oral presentation by members of the City Beautification Committee, regarding the display of advertising signs and merchandise on sidewalks and other public places in the City.

Mr. William Brown, Chairman of the Beautification Committee, explained that the Beautification Committee was organized at the request of the Governor of the State approximately one year ago. He said the Governor requested that a Committee be appointed in each City to try to beautify the city to their respective cities especially for the Century 21 exposition. As a result, Mayor Hanson appointed a group of civic-minded citizens on the Beautification Committee.

Mr. Brown pointed out that the City has an Ordinance in effect which deals with the placing of signs, wares, etc. on any public street, sidewalks, poles, etc. He said merchants throughout the City place their unsalable Refrigerators or washing machines on the sidewalk and leave them there for months. This practice obstructs the view of the motorist and pedestrian. Service stations also have had the practise of piling 200 or 300 tires on their sidewalks, which is unsightly especially for the newcomers to the City.

Mr. Brown added that the members of the Beautification Committee are asking the Council to enforce the Ordinance regarding the placing of signs and other objects on the streets.

Mr. Brown said that Tacoma has entered a contest in the State, for awards and recognition, and have been told officially that Tacoma is leading the pace in beautification, especially in regard to Seattle and Spokane who are in the same category as Tacoma. He said the Committee has accomplished more for the beautification of the City in this past two years than any other City of its size.

Mr. Brown further added that the Governor has established the dahlia as the State flower. The entire State is to be planted with dahlias and Tacoma has been granted 10,000 packets of dahlia seeds and 10,000 dahlia tubers. These are to be distributed and planted at the same time in May. Any public building, schools, parks, etc., may obtain these seeds and tubers for planting, that have been donated, from various people in the seed profession.

Mayor Hanson asked when was the deadline for the contest. Mr. Brown replied June 30, 1960.

Mr. Steele coming in at this time.

Mr. Cvitanich asked how they planned to enforce the provision in the Ordinance regarding signs, etc. on the sidewalks.

Mr. Brown explained that the Committee has sent letters to various industrial groups asking them to request that their dealers clean up their front lots and remove their wares from the sidewalks; but, as yet, no replies have been received.

Mayor Hanson explained that it was very gratifying to see the results of the Committee's work thus far. He said they have great plans for the continuance of the program; Some of which will require appropriations by the Council in order that they may properly be carried out.

Mr. Brown asked that a motion be made to support the request of the Beautification Committee.

Mr. Steele then moved that the City Council support the request of the Beautification Committee and for the continuance of their program. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Voice vote was taken on the motion resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Mayor Hanson advised the Council that he had been very pleased to have attended the Awards Banquet for the Daffodil Parade and to have been presented the Plaque for the City's entry in the Daffodil Parade.

He said that Mr. Gerry Cooley, Engineer in the Public Works Dept., has been responsible for the City's float in the parade for the past four years. He has been responsible for the design, construction and creation of the float.

Mayor Hanson said the plaque was awarded at the banquet last Friday and he has asked Mr. Cooley to attend tonight's Council meeting in order to present the award to the City Council.

Mr. Gerry Cooley then presented the Plaque to Mayor Hanson which was received for First Place in the Cities and Communities Division of the 1960 Daffodil Parade.

Mayor Hanson accepted the Plaque and said the City Council was proud of the efforts and contributions he made to the City. He hoped to give him more assistance in this behalf in the future.

Mayor Hanson and Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, both congratulated Mr. Cooley for his efforts and contributions to the Daffodil Parade.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Cooley had received a great deal of help from the members of the Fire Department for the actual construction of the float and also from other city employees in placing the flowers the night before the parade.

#### PETITIONS:

Otto C. Siburg, requesting the reclassification of property located

at 9201 Pacific Avenue from an "R-2" District to a "C-1" District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

Lloyd A. Beeler, et al, requesting a replat of a portion of McNeil and Ellsworth's Harbor View Addition.

Mayor Hanson explained that the procedure on this petition would be to set a date of hearing. The suggested date is June 13, 1960.

Mr. Perdue moved that June 13, 1960 be fixed as the date of hearing. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16112:

L I D 3511

BY CVITANICH:

Fixing Tuesday, May 24, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 3511 for sanitary sewers in the vicinity of So. 18th and Walters Road.

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

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16113:

BY MURLAND:

Awarding contract to Preservative Paint Company for the furnishing of 3800 gallons of White Traffic Paint on their bid of \$7,714.00 plus sales tax which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16114:

BY REQUEST OF HANSON:

Extending a cordial and official invitation to Mayor and Mrs. Nobuo Hayashi of Kokura, Japan, to visit the City of Tacoma at any time that is convenient to them.

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

Mayor Hanson said that Mayor and Mrs. Hayashi were very interested in visiting Tacoma as their Sister City in the near future. He said he understood that they have a fund that would cover the expense if he has an official invitation for the visit. This visit would mean a great deal to the Sister City Program, he added.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16115:

BY PRICE:

Adopting prequalification of bidders for the Yakima Avenue Bridge project from the Washington State Highway Dept. prequalification list of contractors capable of performing bridge work in the amount of their bid. 50:378

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

Mr. Rowlands advised that bids for the Yakima Avenue Bridge are to be opened May 11th. Inasmuch as this is a very large structure, the City is following the State's procedure of accepting bids from contracting firms who have met the standards of the State Highway Department in its prequalification program. He said undoubtedly there will be firms from Tacoma who have also qualified.

Mr. Rowlands said the State Highway Department is also involved in this project to the extent they must construct their section of the bridge over the freeway.

Mayor Hanson asked if the contractors were aware of this prequalification form in advance.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, advised that those firms who have not been prequalified by the State can obtain the proper forms from the City Clerk's office which must be completed and filed before May 6th.

This form requires that they list their financial status, what equipment the contractors have, the amount of work that they have which has not been completed, etc. From this form, the State Highway Department determines if the firm is capable of doing a job of this magnitude.

The State, he said, prequalifies a firm to do a job according to various categories, ie: \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 on up to \$50,000,000. Mr. Schuster added that it would be advantageous to the City to have prequalified bids.

Mr. Schuster added that it is recommended in the Resolution, that the City accept bids only from persons and contracting firms who have been prequalified by the State Highway Department and that bids will be opened, only, from those firms that have been prequalified by the State.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16116:

BY BOTT:

Amending Resolution No. 15974 which authorizes the agreement between the City and Worthen, Wing, Seifert and Forbes and Brown and Caldwell, engineers, to provide for the inclusion of the North Trunk System.

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

Mr. Rowlands advised that this Resolution approves the inclusion of the North Trunk System with that of the Western Slope Project.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if this was a projected study in the Brown and Caldwell Report of 1960.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Brown and Caldwell Report was published at the time, but was a part of the recommendations in the report.

Mr. Schuster explained that in the original Brown and Caldwell Report they had recommended that all sewage be brought to the Central Treatment Plant, and as an alternative plan, suggested the construction of the Western Slope Treatment Plant, but, he said, it was then decided that it would be better to bring all sewage into the Central Plant.

Mr. Schuster said, in reviewing the recommendation by Brown and Caldwell it was agreed that it was a "toss up" as to which was the better approach. He said the suggestion of constructing a separate Treatment Plant would be cheaper in the beginning but as time goes on the cost equalizes. However, if all sewage were brought directly to the main Treatment Plant in all probability a new sewer would have to be built to replace the Oakland Trunk line. Taking this into consideration, he added, it would be cheaper to build a treatment plant on the Western Slopes area.

The Council authorizes Worthen, Wing, Seifert and Forbes and Brown and Caldwell to submit an additional study and report on the area with the thought in mind of an additional treatment plant on the Western Slope. This report was presented to the Council in March and the recommendation was made that the City proceed with the construction.

In the original report, the wording was such that the area would include property from the City limits (near Day Island) to the northern terminus, which was to be the treatment plant. Another area which they wish to include at this time, is the area immediately north of where the treatment plant is to be located.

After a question and discussion period by the Council, roll call vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 2, Porter and Steele (temporarily).  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16117:

BY PERDUE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into a written agreement with Louis M. Pedersen, A. I. A. Architect, to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the construction of a Fire Training Center.

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

Mr. Murtland asked where the Fire Training Center would be located.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the Port of Tacoma is giving consideration for the entire center to be put in the tideflats area, near the U. S. Oil Refinery Company. He said it will be advantageous to the area to have the center located there for their protection. In addition, he said, there will be training pits at the center for instructions in gasoline and oil fires.

Mr. Rowlands said that it was the recommendation of the City Officials and also of Mr. Marc Anderson, Manager of the Port of Tacoma.

He added that the City has requested a 25 - 30 year lease on the site, but as yet they have not received a reply from the Port.

Mr. Murtland said he could not see hiring an architect to plan the center if the site has not been obtained. He said if the plans were drawn for one site and it was found later that this particular site could not be obtained, then it is entirely possible that the plans would not be suitable for another located.

It was then suggested that this Resolution be postponed until such time as the site is obtained, inasmuch as the building will no doubt have to be planned according to the terrain.

Mr. Easterday moved that Resolution No. 16117 be postponed until such time as a site is obtained. Seconded by Mr. Cvitanich. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Mr. Easterday said that he wished to go on record as opposing the hiring of Architects for the design of ball parks, sewer systems, bridges, etc. He said it seems to be the policy of the City that Architects are the masters of all construction projects, and added that he hoped that from now on that when advice is needed that Engineers are consulted rather than Architects.

Resolution No. 16118:

BY PORTER:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a written contract with Ashton & Associates, to make certain real estate marketability surveys and assist in the preparation of redevelopment plans and site appraisals in the preparation of the City's Fawcett Street Urban Renewal Project.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Resolution is similar to Resolution No. 15661 adopted on February 24, 1959, covering the Center Street area. He stated that Ashton and Associates and Western Real Estate Research Corporation are both Los Angeles firms whereas Larry Smith and Company is a Seattle firm.

The type of analysis required is a marketability analysis which must be performed by someone qualified to do the work. All three of the firms that submitted proposals have had their work accepted by the Urban Renewal Office in San Francisco, and the City must hire someone whose surveys will be accepted by the Federal Agency.

Mr. Rowlands added that approximately 20% of the work will be done

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by local people inasmuch as the firm must select a competent real estate appraiser that is currently practicing in the City of Tacoma.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16556:

Vacating a portion of Norton Place between Vassault and Five Views Road. Read by title. (Petition of Mason Halligan)

Mr. Rowlands advised that this Ordinance and the two Ordinances immediately following for the vacating of property have already been reviewed and approved by the City Council.

Mr. Buehler advised that various conditions had to be met before the Ordinance was drawn.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16557:

Vacating property on No. Whitworth Street from the east property line of Ferdinand Street to the west property line of Mullen Street. (Petition of Floyd Shiffer) Read by title and Placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16558:

Vacating certain plats in the Lupton's Second Addition, Budinich's Second Addition, area adjacent to the east side of Pearl Street between No. 30th and No. 35th Streets. (Petition of Mueller Harkins Motor Co.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16559:

Amending Sec. 1.24.980 and 986 of the Official Code of the City in reference to the Civil Service and Personnel Rules as recommended by the Civil Service Board. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Ordinance will authorize temporary employees to be hired for Urban Renewal Projects as well as for Major Independent Construction projects, such as the Cowlitz. This will allow the hiring of employees on a temporary basis without the necessity of taking names from the existing employment lists.

Mr. Cvitanich asked how many appointments will be made under this Ordinance. \*\*\*\*\*

Mr. Rowlands advised that for the next two years they will be required to send to the Urban Renewal Agency in San Francisco the tentative Personnel requirements which must be done periodically.

Mayor Hanson said appointing any employee on the Civil Service list for a temporary position would pose many problems for the City. It would establish rights for positions which will exist only for a short time and would be a problem for the Retirement system.

Mr. Robert Jacobson, Urban Renewal Director, said this is controlled by Resolution. He did not know the exact number of employees that will be required, but this refers to positions for which there are no lists available. He said he would be glad to supply a list of the precise titles for Mr. Cvitanich, if he wished.

Mr. D. H. Ketler of the Civil Service League explained that this rule was made especially to protect regular Civil Service Employees from being "bumped" by "temporary" Civil Service employees. He said when the Alder Dam was constructed, this provision did not exist and when the dam was completed, the employees who were hired especially for that particular job "bumped" persons in General Government who were also of a permanent status. This, he said, did not seem fair to the employees and, since this experience, a provision was made for the hiring of temporary employees for construction of Major Projects.

Mr. Stanley Bixel, Director of Personnel, pointed out that this Ordinance established the procedure to be used for the hiring of additional temporary employees. He said that a Resolution will be presented to the City Council at the time temporary employees are hired.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16560:

Amending Sec. 1.12.155 of the Compensation Plan for the City to provide for the hiring of employees for Major Independent Urban Renewal Projects. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16552:

Amending Sec. 1.12.510, 520, 530, 590, 600 and 640 of the Official Code of the City relating to pay and compensation plan to incorporate the new rates of pay with the Electrical Workers, Local 483 and also to establish the payment for a new Assistant Drill Instructor in the Fire Department. Read by title and passed.

Roll call on the Ordinance resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Ordinance No. 16553:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make payment to Pierce County for the benefit of taxing districts within which any part of the electrical facilities recently acquired from the Puget Sound Power and Light Co. are located, said payment to be in the sum of \$6,094.64 for the year 1960. Read by title and passed.

Roll call on the Ordinance resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Ordinance No. 16555:

L I D 5318

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5318 for cast iron water mains in the area bounded by Tyler, So. 12th, Durango and So. 19th Street. Read by title and passed. 38  
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Roll call on the Ordinance resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.



REPORTS:MC-300 - Sanitary Sewer Financing

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Mr. Rowlands said this is the report requested by Councilman Cvitanich setting forth the breakdown from the standpoint of Revenue Bonds, with respect to the different investments and the earnings from the Sewer Utility. This plan is partially pay-as-you-go and partially financed from the Sewer - Revenue Bonds, he added. The report also set up what is to be done during the next two year period.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Rowlands when the request for the Federal Grant was sent in?

Mr. Rowlands replied that the original request was submitted last year. Several cities requested this grant last year, and it was awarded to Spokane, who was further along with their plans than Tacoma at that time. At present, Tacoma has advanced a lot further on their plans and will apply for the grant again this year.

Mr. Rowlands further stated they hoped to have the application in by the last of May. He said they have made some preliminary proposals to the Pollution Control Comm. and do not know of any other city in this State that is any further along with their projects.

Mr. Cvitanich said with the increase in sewer rates from \$1.75 to \$2.00, the City could easily finance the pay-as-you-go sewer construction program without interest charges. He said he felt the sale of \$3,000,000 in revenue bonds for sewers, with a total interest of \$2,000,000 was tragic.

He said he felt the six year program contemplated was unrealistic and that a growing city could not set a limit on a sewer program.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, said the six year program now under way is merely the first phase of a twenty-five year program recommended by Brown and Caldwell. The immediate plans are set to take care of major problems for the next six or seven years and funds are being used from the sewer rate increase to pay for a good share of this amount. After the six or seven year period, he said, they will still be constructing projects out of funds from the sewer rate increase.

Mr. Easterday explained that the annual increase in construction costs more than offset the interest rate paid on the bonds.

Mr. Rowlands said if the construction costs are reduced, the City will be able to do more with their funds on a pay-as-you-go basis. He added if there is a major increase in the population of the City, then the sewer program would have to be stepped up.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- Tacoma Police Department Report for the month of March 1960.
- Personnel Report for the month of March 1960.
- Director of Finance Report for the month of March 1960.
- 71st Annual Report from the Fire Department.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Bott asked that a letter of condolence be sent to Lt. McDougall's family, the police officer who passed away on Saturday.

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Mayor Hanson said that he had received a report that the Central Labor Council took action advocating the establishment of the \$1.25 basic wage scale. Throughout the Country there have been a number of bodies that have endorsed this policy and suggested that the City of Tacoma follow the same procedure.

Mrs. Price said that she had compiled the figures on the survey she and Mr. Cvitanich had made on the one-way street situation on Commerce Street. She said they had talked to seventy businessmen and out of these seventy, fifty were in favor of retaining the one-way street. She also stated that fifty seven of the seventy businessmen were in favor of the new Parking Garages.

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Mr. Cvitanich said he was satisfied that the one-way streets on Commerce Street are satisfactory.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mrs. Price and Mr. Cvitanich for taking their time in making this survey.

Mrs. Price added that during this past week she had contacted many citizens throughout the City and asked them how they liked the one-way streets. She said with very few exceptions all were in favor of the one-way streets.

Mr. Cvitanich explained that last week he had the opportunity to go through the parking lot at the Baseball Park, and said, they were doing a very professional job, as far as the parking, ingress and egress is concerned.

Mr. Bob Taylor, a citizen, congratulated the members of the Council for voting for the inside levy which enabled the return of Pacific Coast League Baseball and the building of a stadium here in Tacoma.

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He said he did have one objection to make, however, and that was to Police officers chasing youngsters off the hill behind right field. He said he did not know who was responsible but felt it would be better for kids to be interested in watching the game from the hillside rather than getting into mischief.

Mayor Hanson agreed the situation posed a problem. He said the volunteer police officers involved disliked the duty, but he added, the City is caught in a "bind" as the attempt to keep the hill clear was included in the City's contract with the Giants.

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He suggested that the subject be taken up with the Giant organization. He said an attempt is being made to work out a plan where those areas can be retained for the kids and not for others who are able to pay.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

suggested

\*\*\*\* Mr. Bott asked that the Park Board be contacted relative to working out a similar system in allowing the Juniors to use the hill the same as they allow Juniors to use Wapato Lake for fishing.

*Ben Hanson*  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Joseph Meeton*  
City Clerk