

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.  
Monday, December 7, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter and Price, and Mayor Hanson.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the minutes of the meeting of November 30, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Presentation of Suggestion Award to Gertrud Kagarice of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Rowlands explained in the past the Garbage and Refuse Division required a deposit to be paid by the property owners. Now this deposit is no longer required and there is \$9,527.51 that could be refunded. In order to make these refunds it is necessary to advertise and conduct a search to contact the property owners who have paid this deposit. It was Mrs. Kagarice's suggestion that a 50% charge be made to defray the expenses for the clerical and advertising costs, which would result in a saving to the City.

Mrs. Gertrude Kagarice was presented with a \$25.00 award.

Mayor Hanson and Mr. Rowlands both congratulated Mrs. Kagarice on her very fine suggestion.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15949:

By Humiston:

Modifying and amending the agreement with the Tacoma Humane Society to provide that beginning with the calendar year 1960 the Society shall receive for its services all moneys received from the licensing and impounding of animals.

Dr. Humiston asked how much money is involved in this transaction during the year, such as fine, and violations.

Mr. Archie Fidler, Manager of the Humane Society, said that \$105.00 was taken in for the year of 1958, and also for 1959.

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

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 15950:

By Easterday:

Authorizing the Director of Finance to advance to the Sidewalk Construction Fund; the sum of \$30,000.00 from the City Street Fund, said advance to be repaid from assessments collected.

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

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 15951:

by Anderson:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to convey certain property to Archie V. Taunt and wife in exchange for certain property owned by them which is to be deeded to the City.

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

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 15952:

by Bratrud:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver conveyances and deeds as necessary to release sewer easements over, upon and along certain real property owned by Harry and Doris M. Shull, Paul C. and Helen S. Perdue and M. V. and Pearl Hauser.

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

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson explained there were two items pertaining to the Ball Park which do not appear on the agenda and should be taken up at this time--Resolution No. 15952 and Ordinance No. 16470.

Dr. Humiston then moved to suspend the rules to take up Resolution No. 15953 and Ordinance No. 16470. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote was then taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15953:

by Porter:

Rejecting all bids received for the general construction of the Tacoma-Merced County Baseball Park.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. E. L. Mills, Architect for the Baseball Park, if he would explain to the Council what had transpired on the call for bids.

Mr. Mills said he was sorry to report that their estimates for the construction of the Ball Park were low and very unrealistic. The cost of the necessary items in the construction of the Ball Park have increased considerably since the estimate was made, therefore, making the bids much higher. He said if this Resolution is passed, the next step to follow would be to call for new bids, which they have intended to do on December 14, 1959. The specifications have been changed to allow a different procedure for the bidding. The scope of the basic bid was changed to include only the grandstand structure, and alternate bids are being asked for on

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other parts of the project, such as additional concession facilities, administration building, commissary building, fencing and scoreboard. By calling for alternate bids they feel they will have a better opportunity to accept or reject any of these items which could be constructed later.

Dr. Humiston asked Mr. Mills if the revised plans would fulfill the requirements set forth by the contract with the "Giants."

Mr. Mills replied that he thought the Park could be built for \$400,000. The design at present is for reinforced concrete, whereas the new specifications are for a partial-wooden construction. He said there is nothing in the contract with the "Giants" that specifies that the building should be of wooden or concrete structure. The new bids would be for partial concrete and steel construction and the roof only to be of wooden structure.

Mr. Easterday asked what has become of the \$190,000.00, which is the difference between Mr. Mills' estimate for the construction of the Ball Park and the original \$590,000.00 bond issue

Mr. Mills said that approximately \$125,000.00 has been used or appropriated for the grading and sewers in the area, and also for the sodding of the field, etc. There hasn't been anything set aside, however, for the lighting of the field, grandstands, or other areas. This must all be taken from the \$65,000.00 which is the balance of the \$190,000.00

It was asked how much additional money would be needed for the construction of the Ball Park, or was the \$250,000.00 requested in Ordinance No. 16470 sufficient.

Mayor Hanson said that the \$250,000.00 would be the least they could use, and thought possibly the County would be able to give the balance needed.

Mr. Mills read for Council's information the alternate specifications for the Ball Park, which allowed anyone to bid on the constructions. He said that the contractors could save from \$40,000 to \$50,000 if a combination of wood, steel and concrete were used for the construction.

Dr. Humiston said if it is possible to build a usable facility with less than premium materials, and with less than a premium design, and still stay within this budget, then that is what should be done. He pointed out that when the original bonds were proposed, figures were presented which gave an "outside chance" of the park amortizing itself through revenues. He said he would like a design that could be built with the allotted money without having to appropriate more.

Mayor Hanson explained, as it now stands they are approximately \$350,000.00 short of their goal. He said they have figured savings that will amount to approximately \$100,000.00, and can hope for additional savings. This Ordinance has been discussed with the County Commissioners and they have indicated they cannot give their commitment for the continuation of their participation until after the Council makes their decision on this Ordinance.

Mayor Hanson said by the time final action is taken on this Ordinance the bids will have been received for all of the alternates on the Ball Park. He said that the December 14th meeting will have to be continued until either Tuesday or Wednesday so that the bids can be analyzed before the Resolution is drawn for the acceptance of the alternate plans. He added that it is hoped that after the bids are opened, the amount of the \$250,000.00 bond issue can be reduced. The main concern today is to decide whether or not the bids previously received on the Ball Park constructions are to be rejected, and if new bids are to be submitted.

Mayor Hanson then called for a voice vote on Resolution No. 15953, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16470:395-  
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Authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds of the City in the sum not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the purpose of providing additional funds to construct an Athletic and Recreational Field. Read by title.

Mrs. Price said at the time the Ordinance was passed, appropriating \$590,000.00 for the construction of the Ball Park, they were guaranteed that the park could be built for that amount. Now, she said, more money is requested. She said she is not in favor of appropriating any more money for the Ball Park.

Mr. Easterday said that the Council was "assured" but not "guaranteed" that the Park could be built for \$590,000.00. He said he felt the Council does not appropriate the extra funds needed for the Ball Park that Tacoma will become "laughing stock."

Mayor Hanson explained that the Council is not asked to vote on this appropriation at this time as there will be over a week before the bids can be evaluated on the Ball Park. In all probability, he added, there will be meetings regarding the Ball Park and the full Council will be apprised of any meetings that are to be held.

Ordinance No. 16470 was then placed in order of final reading.

Resolution No. 15954:

By Perdue:

Encouraging the Northern Pacific Railway Company and its officials to continue to utilize its and their effort to further increase the use of the Northern Pacific Shops located in South Tacoma. 491559

Mayor Hanson said this Resolution commends the Northern Pacific Railway Company for their efforts to maintain their shops here and also to relocate their facilities here that were recently moved to Livingston, Montana.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16468:

Appropriating \$12,750.00 from the General Fund for the purpose of purchasing and acquiring miscellaneous fire fighting equipment. Read by title. 363

Mr. Rowlands explained that the appropriation contained in this Ordinance would enable the City to indicate to the Survey and Rating Bureau and also to the National Board of Fire Underwriters that they are trying to remove some of the deficiency points. This expenditure would pick up approximately 28 or 29 points. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16469:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by amending Section 13.06.235. (R-4-L Low Density Multiple-Family Dwelling District.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

## Ordinance No. 16458:

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Authorizing the issuance and sale of general negotiable bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$200,000. for the purpose of establishing an airport and other air navigation facilities. Read by title.

At last week's meeting, Mr. Porter requested that this Ordinance be reconsidered today.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that MC-282 regarding the "Airport Application Financial Assistance" was submitted to each Council member with their Agenda on Friday. This M-C indicates that the City could submit a request for additional funds to the Federal Aviation Agency with a reasonable assurance that the request will be honored and properly processed. According to the map which is attached to the "M-C" half of the paved taxiway has been eliminated. Adjustments in the cost of the water system and administration building have been made. They still felt the application could be submitted and checked by the District Airport Engineer, Mr. Charles Drew, which would then go through the Los Angeles office. The application was considered very carefully by Mr. Drew and Mr. Ed Dickinson, the City's Airport consultant.

It was pointed out very specifically by Senators Henry Jackson and Warren Magnusson, and Mr. Paul Morris, one of the F. A. A. examiners that if consideration were given for the additional aid, that Tacoma must submit this application by December 15th, otherwise no funds will be available for either next year or the fiscal year 1961. He added that the various cities throughout the United States will know by the end of January, 1960, what funds are available for the fiscal year 1961.

Should this site not be accepted, and if funds are granted, they could be transferred by the Administrator and used on other airport sites in Tacoma which would have to be chosen and approved later by the F. A. A. Administrator.

Mayor Hanson said in practically all of the discussions, it was brought out that the City needs an airport, and the revision of our application will enable the City to present a realistic application to the F. A. A.

Mayor Hanson then called on Bob Anderson, Engineer of the Public Works Department to speak on the Airport proposition.

Mr. Bob Anderson said the total development cost at the present time is \$233,213.00 less than it was originally anticipated. These savings are primarily in the construction of the taxiways. Also a cutback in the drainage, due to the deletion of some of the taxiways which amounts to \$2,500. The water distribution system has been reduced by \$11,000.00. These cut-backs have been checked with the F. A. A., to satisfy ourselves that it would be an operable airport and that the cuts would not be made to the extent that it would be detrimental.

Mr. Porter explained that a short time ago they were advised that in order to achieve this airport \$200,000 would be required, \$200,000 from the city, and also from the Port of Tacoma were required. Now, he said, we are told that the \$200,000 is not needed from the Port.

Mayor Hanson advised that he thought that was a misunderstanding, as this step is a move out of desperation to get within the basic framework of what will accomplish an air facility. It is less than we need, but is better than nothing, and this will at least reserve our right to obtain Federal funds, he added.

Mrs. Goering quoted a portion of the transcript which was presented at the hearing last week and added that more and more we are approaching major

\*\* and also the administration building construction to \$11,000.00.

projects with a slipshod and haphazard manner, and with increasing disregard for the effect of these projects on the future budgets. Already we have cut our general services below standard before any impact is felt on our general funds from the various projects.

Mayor Hanson replied that there has never been any project that was given a more thorough or complete investigation than this one. The matter of our spending too much money at this time is the result of ultra conservatism where we are required to do many of the things that should have been done many years ago. He added that people have the impression that we are too quick to spend money, but when money is spent it is for projects we need and projects we cannot afford to do without.

Mr. Rowlands said the portions that have been reduced or eliminated were cut off completely. The amount for contingency, or engineering, has not been reduced as it is very difficult for engineers to come within a few hundred dollars, and they have retained the 15% for this reason. The amount budgeted will build the airport as per the plans submitted and attached to "MC-282."

Mrs. Goering asked if this would include the cost of moving the power lines, fire equipment and all other equipment necessary, if the City did have an airport.

Mr. Anderson advised that the moving of the lines was an item that had been figured in the contingency fund, and would cost approximately \$7500.00.

Mrs. Price asked - Even if the Council approves this \$200,000.00 what assurance do we have that the F.A.A. will approve this peninsula site?

Mr. Rowlands said that there is no assurance that this site will be approved.

Mrs. Goering asked Mr. McCormick if the bonds, the Port Commission has pledged, are revenue bonds which are tentatively to be repaid from the profits from the airport. Supposing that through some type of difficulty there are no profits from the airport and the bonds cannot be repaid. Then what would be the status of the people who have purchased those bonds? Can they foreclose, or what protection do they have?

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, advised that it would depend upon the provisions that were in the bond themselves. If they were payable solely out of the revenues derived from the operation of the airport, the purchaser of the bonds would take over the operation of the airport and then would try to recover their losses.

Mr. Porter pointed out that on the airport situation we have three (3) basic facts: (1) The need for an airport; (2) The location; (3) The financing. The first two items, he said, he would approve, but he was not in favor of the financing portion. He said he understood that originally the Council approved some \$350,000.00 for an inside levy, then it was put on the ballot for the vote of the people, which was approved. Now we are being asked to appropriate an additional \$200,000.00 which brings the total to \$550,000. How far could we go, and still have sufficient funds left for other expenses such as employees' salaries, and also for other improvements. This, he said, is not sound financially and he did not approve of it.

Mayor Hanson said the airport is essential to our industrial development, which is the key to our financial problem. That is the only reason he feels the City is justified in spending this money.

Mayor Hanson then called on Mr. Lloyd Sass, Chairman of the Airport Commission of the Citizens Committee for his comments.

Mr. Sass advised that if no action is taken by the Council today in appropriating this \$200,000.00 it would be impossible to submit an application, and without this application Tacoma's Airport is "completely down the drain." If we are not successful in obtaining Federal funds for the airport, the City would not spend any of the money the Council has appropriated.

Mayor Hanson then called for a vote on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 2, Easterday and Goering; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16462:

Amending Sec. 3, 4 and 5 of Ordinance No. 14386 relating to the issuance of Electric Plant Revenue Bonds for completing the construction of hydro-electric plants and facilities on the Cowlitz River. Read by title.

Mr. Dean Barline, Director of Utilities, explained they had requested their Engineering Consultants, Harza Engineering Company, to check and revise their estimates on the Cowlitz Project. He stated that due partly to the redesign of the Mossyrock Dam to a rock-filled dam, the estimate was lowered by \$2,000,000.00 and were able to reduce the proposed amount in the Ordinance by this figure. He also advised that \$11,000,000 had already been spent on this project, therefore, it will be necessary to finance only \$120,500,000.00 in revenue bonds.

Mr. Anderson then moved to amend the sum referred to in Section 1 from \$133,500,000.00 to \$131,500,000.00, also the sum referred to in Section 2 from \$122,500,000.00 to \$120,500,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue.

It was asked of Mr. Barline if there would be an increase in the light rates as a result of the issuance of these Revenue Bonds?

Mr. Barline advised that it would not be necessary to raise the rates to complete the Mossyrock Dam. But, he said, their financial consultants have advised that a raise in rates would be necessary to cover the increase in their normal day-to-day expenses, and added, that an ordinance to this effect would be introduced within two or three weeks.

Voice vote was then taken on the motion to amend the Ordinance, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance, as amended, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Bartrudg. Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16463:

Authorizing the issuance and sale of Special Obligation Bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$122,500,000 to be known as the "Light and Power Revenue Bonds of 1960" and repealing Ordinance No. 15100 and 15101. Read by title.

Mr. Barline advised that this Ordinance also would have to be amended to conform to Ordinance No. 16462.

It was then moved by Mr. Anderson to change the sum referred to in the title and in Sections 1, 5 and 14, or wherever else mentioned in the Ordinance, from \$122,500,000.00 to \$120,500,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance, as amended, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Bartrudg. Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16465:

Amending certain sections of the Official Code of the City relating to the Pay and Compensation Plan for the year 1960. Read by title.

389 Mr. Porter said that he would like to have this Ordinance amended on Page 14 to delete Numbers 0084 and 0092 relating to the City Manager and Director of Utilities' salary. He then moved that the City Manager and Director of Utilities be

be taken out of the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Porter explained that both of these positions are covered by Charter provisions and are appointed by the City Council and Utility Board respectively. He said they serve at their discretion and their salary is fixed by a special Ordinance.

Mr. Anderson said he believed these two classifications should be left in the Ordinance as the Council and the Utility Board can change the two administrators at their discretion. He said he felt the City was very fortunate in having these Directors who are doing such a fine job.

Mr. Porter advised that he was not speaking in a derogatory manner about either the Manager or Director of Utilities, but he felt that because they served at the pleasure of the Council and Utility Board he could not see why they should be included in this plan.

Mrs. Goering explained that she felt the Manager should receive automatic pay increases the same as the rest of the City employees. She said she did not believe it was fair for him to pass up an advancement when it was so difficult to balance the budget so that other employees could get a raise. She also was in favor of not eliminating the two classifications from the Compensation Plan.

Dr. Humiston said that he too believed the Manager's and Director of Utilities' classification should remain in the Compensation Plan.

Mr. Anderson said he felt it was not fair to put the Manager in a position where he felt obligated to turn down an increase in salary although everyone else got a raise.

Mayor Hanson advised that he also believed the two items should remain in the Pay Plan.

Roll was taken on Mr. Porter's motion to delete 0084 and 0092 from the Compensation Plan, resulting as follows :

Roll Call: Ayes 3; Nays 6, Anderson, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Perdue and Hanson; Absent 0. The motion was declared lost.

Mr. Rowlands advised that Mr. Chet Hanson, Business Agent for the State, County and Municipal Employees, called him today in regard to the Meter Maids. He said Mr. Hanson felt the Meter Maids should be given a full step increase. Mr. Rowlands explained to Mr. Hanson that this had been discussed at the Budget hearings and it was decided that they receive the one-half step increment the same as all other City employees. He added that none of the Meter Maids had reached the top of their Brackets, and would receive their automatic increase on their anniversary dates.

Mayor Hanson advised that he understood at the Budget hearings that the Meter Maids would be given the one-half step increase same as other employees.

Roll was then taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Mr. Perdue leaving at this time, 6:40 P.M.

Ordinance No. 16466:

Annexing to the City of Tacoma a tract of land in the vicinity of the Cliff House on the westerly side of Marine View Drive in the Brown's Point area. Read by title and passed. (Petition of H. O. Smith)

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

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Ordinance No. 16467:

440 Annexing to the City of Tacoma a tract of land in the vicinity of Dash Point Water Works Road and the north city limits, Dash Point area. (Petition of Donald C. Wick, et al) Read by title and passed.

Roll Call: Ayes 8; Nays 0, Perdue; Absent 0.

COMMENTS:

43 Mayor Hanson advised that he believed that the City should officially recognize the fact that the United Good Neighbor Fund has gone over the top, and that Mr. Anderson, and the thousands of other workers, should be congratulated for their efforts on this behalf. He explained that this means even more to the City in that it indicates we have taken pride in our City to do whatever is necessary to improve it. Mayor Hanson then requested that a Resolution be prepared congratulating Mr. Anderson and all others participating in the United Good Neighbor Drive.

Mr. Anderson advised that he was thrilled that there were so many people in Tacoma that were "sold" on their City and were willing to spend many hours on a drive such as this. It was encouraging to know there were so many people that have their Community at heart. It is really appreciated. We were very happy to have been able to announce at the Final Luncheon today that for the first time in Tacoma's history we have "gone over the top" and have reached 102.4% on the drive.

227 Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained in regard to LID 4532, for permanent paving of the South End area; Ash, Wilkeson, South 36th to 38th; South 53rd, South 54th, South 55th, Asotin to Alaska; East 55th, McKinley to "K"; East "B", 46th to 48th; Prospect from South 68th to South 72nd Street, additional protests had been filed with the City Clerk prior to the expiration of the thirty day period which brought the total protests to 60.7%. According to State Law, Mr. Rowlands advised, this district is automatically killed.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, said no motion was necessary to abandon this district, only that a notation be made in the minutes as to the percentage of protests that had been filed, as the Council is divested of authority once the 60% protest is reached.

264 Mr. Bratrud said according to an article in the Tacoma News Tribune Mr. Edward Rose, who was up before Council a short time ago appealing the denial of his Detective License which was granted, was again arrested. He said we should not have a person such as this as a private Detective in our City, and he believed that the Council should without delay revoke his license.

Mr. Porter advised that he believed Mr. Bratrud to be correct, however, to preserve the great "American Principle" he believed we should wait until Mr. Rose is convicted instead of just charged.

Mayor Hanson said that he believes the Council should keep this matter under surveillance and report any new developments.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk