

SEP 12 1955

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, September 12, 1955

Council met in regular session. Present 5; Battin, Bratrud, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 4; Goering, taking her seat at 7:34; Hooker, taking his seat at 7:32; Jensen, for entire meeting; Stojack, taking his seat at 7:34.

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 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Goering, Hooker, Jensen, Stojack.

RESOLUTIONS:

Initial Resolution No. 14389.

L. I. D. 4575.

By BRA TRUD:

Stating intention of Council to order grading to the established sub-grade and placing thereon a cement concrete pavement with curbs, together with the necessary storm drainage, on East Harrison Street from McKinley Avenue to East F Street; creating L I D 4575 and fixing October 4, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call September 12, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Initial Resolution No. 14390.

L. I. D. 6747.

By BRA TRUD:

Stating intention of Council to order installation of ornamental street lights, together with underground circuits and the necessary wiring and transformers on Harrison Street from McKinley Avenue to East F Street; creating L.I.D 6747 and fixing October 4, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call September 12, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15425.

L. I. D. 5230.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L. I. D. No. 5280. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15426.

L. I. D. 5228.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L. I. D. 5228. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15427.

L. I. D. 5255.

Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main in East 55th Street and East 57th Street from McKinley Avenue to East L Street; and an 8-inch cast iron water main in East L Street from East 55th Street to East 57th Street; creating L I D No. 5255. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15428. L. I. D. 2240.

Providing for improvement of Verde Street from South 12th Street to South 16th Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock oil mat; creating L I D 2240. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15429. L. I. D. 2237.

Providing for improvement of the following streets: East 57th Street; East I to East K; East 58th Street, East I to East K Street; East 57th Street (North side) McKinley Avenue to East I Street; East 58th Street (South side) McKinley Avenue to East I Street, by grading and constructing cement concrete sidewalks thereon; creating L. I. D. 2237. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15430. L. I. D. 4568.

Providing for improvement of Cedar Street from North 28th Street to North 29th Street by grading and construction of asphaltic concrete pavement, with cement concrete curbs and gutters, together with storm drainage; creating L I D 4568. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The L. I. D. Committee reported that a hearing was held by the Committee on L. I. D. 4571, for grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon an asphaltic concrete or cement concrete surface 36 feet wide on North Puget Sound from North 24th to 25th Streets and on North 25th from Puget Sound Avenue to Union Avenue, at which time the remonstrance was reported to be 63.7%. In view of the large remonstrance, the L. I. D. Committee sustained the remonstrances and ordered the district abandoned, and makes this recommendation to the City Council. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to concur in the recommendation of the L. I. D. Committee. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen. 131

Mrs. Goering reported that the L. I. D. Committee would like to make a recommendation on a local improvement district, which is not on the Agenda for tonight's meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud to suspend Rule 7, relative to filing of new matter for Council's consideration. Motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Mrs. Goering, Chairman of the L. I. D. Committee, reported that hearing was held on September 6, 1955 by the Committee on L. I. D. 4573, for paving curbs and gutters on East 58th Street from East I to East J Street. She read for Council's information a report of the hearing, which stated that the remonstrance was 43.7% and that the remonstrances were overruled by the Committee and the district created with the reservation that if additional remonstrances are filed to raise the percentage closer to 60% than 50%, the L. I. D. Committee will recommend that the district be abandoned. The remonstrance is now 56.2% and in accordance with the Committee's promise they have no alternative but to recommend that the district be abandoned, she added. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Battin that the remonstrances be sustained and the district abandoned. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen. 135

Dr. Humiston, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported he had delivered the letter from the Mayor, relative to Special Charter Election, directed at last Monday's meeting (page 157), to the Freeholders on last Thursday evening. The Freeholders made no reply at that time, but indicated that within a week or 127
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ten days they would file a written reply. Mr. E. K. Murray, Chairman of the group, said he thought the new Charter would be filed the first week in October, so that the election could be held early in December.

City Manager Backstrom pointed out that action must be taken to adopt the Preliminary Budget next Monday night, and that any changes must be in prior to that time. City Attorney Boyle advised that after the adoption of the Preliminary Budget, there can be no increase in the Final Budget figures, but that figures may be re-allocated for different purposes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Tollefson announced that the American Municipal Association Convention will be held in Miami, starting November 27th. The Council should give consideration to sending a representative to this meeting, the Mayor said. He asked the City Manager if funds were available in the budget for this purpose and Mr. Backstrom replied in the affirmative.

Mayor Tollefson reported that he had attended the Seminar on Civil Defense at the Court House all day Saturday. He has to appoint somebody to fill a vacancy on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Civil Defense, he said. This Committee, which is composed of citizens from all walks of life, meets once a month in Olympia, he added. He asked if any Council member was vitally interested in Civil Defense and would accept this appointment. As no one volunteered, the Mayor said he would contact them privately.

The Council took a short recess at this time pending arrival of Park Board members, who planned to present their budget problems and requests to the City Council at tonight's meeting.

Council reconvened at 8:10 P. M.

Mrs. James F. Stewart and Mr. Ralph Williams were present to represent the Park Board. Mrs. Stewart said that last year's Park Budget was \$595,534, while this year's budget is \$717,989, an increase of over \$122,000. She explained that this increase was necessitated by the acquiring of three new facilities, Lincoln Heights, Salishan and Snake Lake, which entails \$19,500 additional maintenance costs; an increase of \$30,000 in Park employees' salaries to bring them up to the lowest bracket in comparable jobs in the City service; \$24,000 for additional labor; and \$27,560.00 for replacement of equipment. Mr. Williams supplemented Mrs. Stewart's presentation of the problem. He stated that Park Employees have been underpaid for years, and that they are now becoming Unionized and the Union leaders are beginning to press for an increase in wages to bring them on a common level with other City employees. The members of the Park Board feel the increase of wages for employees is the No. 1 priority this year, he said.

Mr. Bratrud agreed that the City would have to do all in its power to bring up the wages of Park employees to the first step in the City wage scale.

It was pointed out by Mr. Backstrom and some of the Council members that the City of Tacoma is again granting the Park Board \$250,000 which almost makes up the 2 mills loss of revenue the Park Board sustained. It was also brought out by Mr. Williams that the fact, the Park Board still receives one mill is the only reason for its existence, otherwise the entire park operation would be the problem of the City of Tacoma.

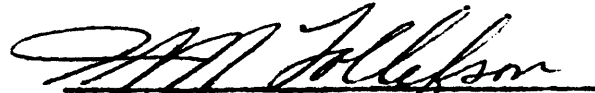
Various phases of the Park operations were discussed at length and numerous questions of Council members were answered by the Park Board representatives.

The Park Board members were briefed on the General Fund department's budget problems and the lack of sufficient funds to grant departmental requests

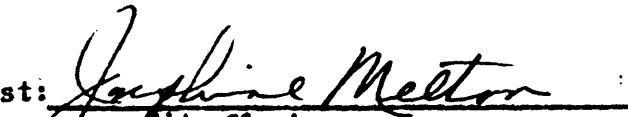
for increase in number of employees, new equipment, etc. An additional grant of \$60,000, which is the amount the Park Board is asking, would have to come from other General Fund Departments as the Fire and Police Departments are fixed requirements, Mr. Backstrom stated.

In conclusion Mr. Williams said they had endeavored to state their problem concisely, and they hoped the Council would see fit to scrutinize the figures in the City Budget to the end that they will be able to grant the Park employees an increase in wages.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 1:25 P. M.


President of City Council.

Attest:


City Clerk.