

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, December 30, 1957.

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 6; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Stojack took their seats at 7:42 P. M. Absent 1; Battin.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Tollefson, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and the reading thereof dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Jensen, Stojack.

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 15176:L I D 2276:

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BY TOLLEFSON:

Fixing January 21, 1958 as date for hearing on L I D 2276, grading and oil mat on Tacoma Avenue from South 70th to South 72nd Streets, also storm sewer from South 70th Street to 400 feet south of South 72nd Street.

Adopted on roll call December 30, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 15177:L I D 5218:

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BY TOLLEFSON:

Fixing January 21, 1958 as date for hearing on L I D 5218 - cast iron watermains in area bounded by Pacific Avenue, South 80th Street, Sheridan Avenue, 74th Street, South Street, South 68th Street, Park Avenue, South 64th Street and J Street from South 68th Street to South 64th Street.

Adopted on roll call December 30, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 15178:

Authorizing issuance of a Local Improvement Assessment Deed to John and Louise Bloegsma for \$605.87 for property located east of 4221 So. 66th Street.

Adopted on roll call December 30, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 15179:BY STOJACK:

Authorizing issuance of a Local Improvement Assessment Deed to Lee M. Burnett for \$21.30 for vacant property located south of 4211 North Gove Street.

Adopted on roll call December 30, 1957  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

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Resolution No. 15180:

By ANDERSON:

Awarding contract to Tacoma Daily Index for the official Printing for the City of Tacoma for the year 1958, and designating the Tacoma Daily Index as the official newspaper for the year 1958.

Adopted on roll call December 30, 1957.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 15181:

By BATTIN:

Awarding to Shell Oil Company the contract for furnishing motor oil requirements for the year 1958.

Adopted on roll call December 30, 1957.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 15182:

By STOJACK:

Settling the claim of Pacific Coast Engineering Company in the sum of \$147,000.00 in accordance with Section 4E of the agreement with Arundel Dixon Co. (Mayfield Dam.)

Mr. Kohl, Supt. of the City Light, explained this resolution was in settlement of a claim with the Pacific Coast Engineering Co., and that by paying \$147,000, some \$50,000 in excess of the sub-contractor's actual expenses to date, the City would get nine hoists. In the event the City can build the Dam at a later date, the hoists can be used and the City will have saved \$82,000, or if not, the hoists would be salable, he added.

Adopted on roll call December 30, 1957

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 15183:

By PERDUE:

Directing and authorizing the City Clerk for an on behalf of the City Council to certify to the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington, as County Supervisor of Elections, a list of the municipal offices to be filled at the Tacoma City Municipal Election not less than forty-five days before the date of said election to be held February 11, 1958.

Adopted on roll call December 30, 1957

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16011:

Authorizing a temporary loan in the amount of \$300,00.00 from the Local Improvement Guaranty Fund to the General Fund for a period of seven years and providing for the repayment of said loan, for the purpose of constructing a municipal airport, land acquisition and for any other construction. Read by title.

Mr. Ed. Allen, a Certified Public Accountant, residing at Wollochet Bay, spoke against the proposed site. He said this proposed facility could not work as a "feeder" since its only airline, the West Coast Airlines, would land at Boeing Field while all other airlines use Seattle-Tacoma Airport.

Mr. Allen said he thought Thun Field might be inconvenient to a few Tacoma fliers, but said the Peninsula Airport would inconvenience numerous Peninsula-Tacoma commuters who use a road cutting across the airport site.

Mr. John Krilich, Attorney, was the spokesman for a number of property owners at Wollochet Bay, and said that the report by the subcommittee was good but failed to include any projected figures on operating costs or revenues. Mr. Krilich compared the Council's proposed emergency ordinance and an emergency Airport Ordinance passed by the Council in 1947 which was ruled invalid by the State Supreme Court. He said he feels the ordinance "falls short" of justifying an emergency and said the language is defective in much the same way as the 1947 Ordinance.

Mr. Reno Odlin, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, said that in his opinion Tacoma's present airport need is an emergency. He explained that because of the lack of an airport Tacoma is not only in danger of not being able to attract new industry but is in danger of losing one or two they already have.

Mr. Lloyd Sass, Sub-committee Chairman of the Airport Committee, read a letter from the Vice President of the West Coast Airlines stating that West Coast Airlines would apply to the Civil Aeronautics Authority to serve a suitable airport on the Peninsula site. He explained that West Coast Airlines and the Civil Aeronautics Authority have ruled out Thur and Oswald Fields and the Peninsula site is the only one left.

Mr. Reno Odlin said that they were advised by Mr. Drew, District Engineer of the Civil Aeronautics, that the application must be made by January 15, 1958 or the appropriation runs out, and for this reason an emergency is necessary for this ordinance. Placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16012:

Providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma, at the general municipal election to be held Tuesday, March 11, 1958, of a proposition of creating an indebtedness in the amount of not exceeding \$2,775,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds for the making of additions, betterments and extensions to the existing storm drains and storm sewer trunk system and the constructing of pumping and facilities in connection therewith. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Mayor Anderson advised that at a meeting held earlier in the day with the members of the Tacoma School Board, it was discussed about the possibility of changing this ordinance to a thirty year Bond issue instead of twenty years as there would be approximately three-fourths of a mill reduction by making this change. Ordinance placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16013:

Providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma, at the general municipal election to be held Tuesday, March 11, 1958, of a proposition of creating an indebtedness in the amount of not exceeding \$1,040,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds for the making of additions, betterments and extensions to the existing artificial street lighting system in the City. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands advised that an addition should be made to Section 1 of this ordinance in order to clarify the wording and to be able to use wooden utility poles wherever necessary. He said that in the third from the last line in Section 1 the words "Utility poles" should be inserted immediately after the words "new light standards". Also, he said that in the same section the interest rate is stated as not to exceed 4%, and he suggested this be changed to 6%. He asked Mr. McCormick if we could legally raise the interest rate to not to exceed six per cent". Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, advised that legally it can be raised and should be changed to six per cent as there is a question as to whether the interest rate will exceed 4%. He said that a better over-all interest rate could be had by setting the rate not to exceed 6% on all the bond ordinances.

Mr. Stojack asked what streets will be improved and if they should not be listed in the ordinance. Mr. Rowlands advised that this will have to be explained in the publicity. He said that there is a plan outlined by the Traffic Division which is a continuation of the work started approximately two years ago, and that it would be difficult to list all of the streets that will be improved in the ordinance as a portion of these funds will be set aside for use as City participation charges on Local Improvement Districts. The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 16014:

Providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma, at the general municipal election to be held Tuesday, March 11, 1958, of a proposition of creating an indebtedness of \$350,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds for payment of part or all of the cost of construction of public building or buildings, facilities and the acquisition and development of sites in connection therewith.

Dr. Humiston asked if it were an economical move to have a bond issue for an amount of this size - \$350,000.00. "Is this good business or should it be brought up as a millage issue", he said.

Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, explained that the last bond issue of this size was a ten year bond issue and he did not recall the exact amount of the charges against the issue. Mr. Tollefson asked if the Pension Fund might be interested in buying an issue of this size and Mr. Gaisford said they might if funds were available. The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

\*Ordinance No. 16015: - on Page 8.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16005:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to Licenses and Taxes (Bicycle Licenses). Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16006:

Appropriating the sum of \$31,000.00 from the Equipment Rental Fund to pay the cost of operation in the Department of Public Works payable from said fund under Ordinance No. 15928 creating such fund. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16007:

Appropriating the sum of \$96,500 from the Public Works Revolving Fund to pay the cost of operation in the Department of Public Works payable from said fund under Ordinance No. 15475. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16009:

Vacating a portion of the alley between North 14th Street and North 15th Street from North Lawrence approximately 143 feet east. (Petition of College of Puget Sound.) Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16010:

Amending the Charter and Official Code with reference to 'JUVENILES - HOURS in any bowling alley. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that at last week's meeting several questions were asked regarding the policing of bowling establishments. Lt. Carl Petersen, Juvenile Officer, said in answer to one of the questions, in reference to late hour gambling, investigation indicated that gambling in the bowling alleys was made among the players on the outcome of their scores, as a team, or between competing teams. This type of gambling is among the players themselves and is a "pot" accumulated by the individual players. The hiring

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Juveniles after official hours play has not been a cause for complaint in the past, he said. The ordinance was then passed on roll call.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The hearing on the petition of the Mason Methodist Church (12-2-57) for vacation of the alley between North 27th and No. 28th Streets from Madison to Monroe, was considered at this time. The Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law, that a fee of \$100.00 had been paid by the petitioner, and that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. Mr. Buehler of the Planning Commission advised that the Commission recommended the vacation on the condition that the Mason Methodist Church pay the cost of relocating overhead telephone lines presently in the alley; that the Water Division has no objections to the vacation; that the Light Department requests that easements be retained for their distribution line in the alley and that payment be made for the moving of the electrical distribution lines presently located in the alley. The Public Works Department advised that 82 additional parking stalls for vehicles would have to be provided, based on the Zoning Ordinance requirement that 900 seats require 150 parking spaces. Letters from the Church, binding itself to pay the costs of relocating the existing electrical and telephone lines have been received and are on file in the Planning Office. 48  
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It was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Dr. Humiston, that the petition be granted, subject to the above mentioned requests by the Light Division and the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance to accomplish this vacation. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

The hearing on the petition of the Hillsdale Lumber Company (12-2-57) for the vacation of East 60th Street from the East line of East F Street to the West line of McKinley Avenue was considered at this time. The Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law, and that a fee of \$100.00 had been paid by the petitioner, and that a remonstrance petition signed by sixty-six persons residing in the area, had been filed against this vacation. Mr. Buehler of the Planning Commission advised that the Planning Commission recommended denial of this vacation for the following reasons: (1) The Fire and Public Works Departments recommend against the vacation since it would cut off access of emergency vehicles into the area west of the railroad tracks; (2) The Public Utilities Department recommends against the vacation because the street contains important power and water lines; (3) This street is needed for access to the new Southeast swimming pool to be built on East "D" Street between East 56th and East 60th Streets; (4) There was a strong protest against the vacation by residents of the area; and (5) This is the only street crossing the railroad tracks between East 56th Street and East 64th Street. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the proposed vacation of East 60th Street be denied. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin. 48  
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Mr. John Bacon of 421 East 61st Street, spoke before Council and asked if East 61st Street from East F Street to McKinley Ave. was still included in Local Improvement District 4622 and would be paved.

Mayor Anderson explained that the property abutting this street opposed the Local Improvement District, therefore this street was removed from the District.

Mr. Bacon then asked if this street was an oil mat at one time. Mr. Calkins, City Engineer, advised that it was but became in such poor condition it had to be scarafied.

Mr. Bacon then asked who was responsible for the fact that this is a two car street when you come to the Railroad tracks it only permits the crossing of one car at a time. Mr. Calkins, he said, is a very dangerous condition and something should be done about it.

Mayor Anderson asked Myron Calkins to check on these two matters before next Council meeting:- the condition of East 60th Street and the Railroad crossing.

RECEIVED FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Tacoma Transit System - Report for November, 1957 and 1956 and eleven months of 1957

Belt Line Division - Monthly Financial Report dated November 30, 1957.

NEW BUSINESS:

↓ Mayor Anderson presented to Marshall Riconosciuto, Chairman of the City Planning Commission, a copy of the Report and Recommendations of the Citizens' Committee for Tacoma's Future Development. He advised that since the original recommendation of the Planning Committee was reduced from \$40,000,000.00 to \$28,000,000.00 he would like to have the Planning Commission study this Report and present recommendations for deletions.

Mr. Tollefson requested that an ordinance be drawn submitting to the qualified voters a bond issue for \$1,000,000.00 for the construction of a Ball Park. Mr. Tollefson advised that this bond issue should be contingent upon the City obtaining a franchise for a Coast League Ball team, and added that other cities have done this and Spokane used this method of raising funds for their Ball Park.

Mr. Stojack requested that an ordinance be drawn for submission to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at the General Municipal Election on March 11, 1958 of a proposition creating an indebtedness of \$500,000.00 for an Airport Site.

↑ Mr. Neil D. Gray of 4324 No. 7th Street, requested permission of the Council to speak regarding the Airport. He advised he was a member of the Citizens' Committee on the Airport when it was presented ten years ago to the voters, and asked the City to submit the proposition of the purchase and construction of an Airport to a vote of the people. He said it is only fair to the people to have this opportunity of voicing their opinion and urged the Council to place this item on the Ballot for March 11th.

Dr. Humiston stated that in his opinion any project the City Council can finance out of funds that ordinarily come into their hands without a special millage levy, that it is their responsibility to make that decision, but, he said, if there are additional funds needed over and above what we have available, then it should be up to a vote of the people before we start the project.

↑ Mayor Anderson advised that the Citizens' Committee has recommended that the Council utilize such internal borrowing technique as they may have available to raise whatever portion of the funds the City can supply.

↑ Mrs. Goering stated that she had attended the Citizens' Committee meeting the day the Finance Committee met with the Airport Sub-committee, and she raised the question as to how far they thought their responsibility went, and they informed her that it was the responsibility of the City and whatever the City does as to the financing, it would in no way reflect on the work of the Committee.

Council then adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

*John Anderson*  
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President of City Council.

Attest:

*Josephine Melton*  
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City Clerk.

\*Ordinance No. 16015: Providing for submission to qualified voters of City of Tacoma at a general municipal election on Tuesday, March 11, 1958 of a proposition of creating an indebtedness in amount of \$4,073,000.00 for providing funds for payment of cost of the construction of general street and bridge improvements in the City. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.