

TUESDAY, January 3, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 7; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 2; Jensen, taking his seat at 7:42 and Stojack, taking his seat at 7:45 P. M.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Humiston, 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 unanimously on voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14492.      L I D 5269. ✓

By HUMISTON:

Stating intention of Council to order installation of cast iron water main in Chandler Street from Center Street to South Tacoma Way; creating L I D 5269 and fixing February 7, 1956 as the date for hearing thereon.

Adopted on roll call January 3, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14493.

By HUMISTON:

Amending the "Notice of Sale" covering Light and Power Bonds of 1956 authorized by Resolution No. 14467, by changing the date of January 10, 1956 in the first paragraph to January 31, 1956 and the date of February 9, 1956 in the 11th paragraph to February 28, 1956 and confirming all other terms and conditions and dates.

Adopted on roll call January 3, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14494.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing Investment Board of City of Tacoma to invest surplus funds from the Light Deposit Fund of the Light Division of the Department of Public Utilities in U. S. Government securities.

Adopted on roll call January 3, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14495.      L I D 4585. ✓

By BATTIN:

Stating intention of Council to order grading and placing thereon an asphaltic concrete pavement on East 60th Street from East B Street to East F Street; creating L I D 4585 and fixing February 7, 1956 as the date for hearing thereon.

Adopted on roll call January 3, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14496.

By BATTIN:

Authorizing private sale of all right or title of City of Tacoma for the sum of \$10.00 cash and execution of a local improvement assessment deed to L. R. Hudson and Bertha Hudson for property located at South 9th, 10th and 11th and

Winnifred Streets.

Adopted on roll call January 3, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15518.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts, etc." (ZONING ORDINANCE) by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 8K. (reclassifying property located adjacent to N. E. corner of South 12th and Proctor to a "C-1" Commercial District). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15510.      L. I. D. 1944.

Providing for construction of sewers in East N Street from Fairbanks Street south for approximately 500 feet; creating L I D 1944. Read by title and passed. 48:82

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

Ordinance No. 15511.      L. I. D. 1949.

Providing for construction of sewers along the lines described as follows: starting at the existing manhole, 145 feet south of South 80th Street, thence continuing northward, between South K and South L Streets, approximately 520 feet; creating L I D 1949. Read by title and passed. 46

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

Ordinance No. 15512.      L. I. D. 2244.

Providing for improvement of the alley between North 38th and North 39th Streets from Proctor Street to Adams Street, by grading and oil mat surfacing; creating L I D 2244. Read by title and passed. 734

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

Ordinance No. 15513.      L I D 4584.

Providing for improvement of Melrose Street from Prospect Street to State Street; also State Street from South 14th Street to South 15th Street by grading and placing thereon an asphalt concrete pavement, concrete curbs and gutters and the necessary storm sewers; creating L I D 4584. Read by title and passed. 241 217

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

Ordinance No. 15514.      L I D 4587.

Providing for improvement of North 33rd Street from Alder Street to Cedar Street by grading and construction of asphaltic concrete pavement thereon, with cement concrete curbs and gutters; creating L I D 4587. Read by title and passed. 234

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. 48:83

Ordinance No. 15515.

Vacating that portion of Campbell Street extending from Ruston Way in an easterly direction approximately 257.042 feet to government bulkhead line, and Edwards Street from Ruston Way in an easterly direction approximately 404.144 feet to the government bulkhead line. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15517.

Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 14286 entitled: "An ordinance providing for the bonding of certain officers and employes of the City of Tacoma, etc." Read by title and passed.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter to the Council from the Tacoma Transit Co., dated January 3, 1956, was brought up for consideration at this time. This communication in brief proposed a plan to do away with the "Tacoma Avenue Line" between South 11th and K Street and South 27th and Tacoma Avenue, and changing the route of the Old Tacoma-Oakland line so as to give better service to the section on South Tacoma Avenue between South 13th and South 27th. Dr. Humiston reported that this route had come up for discussion in the Council Committee at the time the employees took over the Transit Co. and it was their opinion that something should be done as this was a losing proposition. As this is a route set forth in the Company's Franchise, Mr. Boyle advised an amendment by ordinance would be required to eliminate it. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that an ordinance be presented next Monday to permit modification of service requested by the Transit Co. The matter was discussed and suggestions as to methods of notifying patrons of the proposed change were made by Council members. These included handing each patron a dodger informing them of the new route; a public hearing before the City Council; and posting of a notice on the bus now serving the route. Mr. Bratrud did not favor the suggestion of a hearing before Council, while Col. Hooker and Mayor Tollefson said they felt the hearing would be desirable. Mr. Stevenson, representing the Transit Co., agreed to use every available means to notify the patrons of the change, and pointed out that all former patrons would be no more than two blocks from a bus line, and that those between South 13th and 27th on Tacoma Avenue would get much better service. Roll was called on Dr. Humiston's motion, which carried: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker that a public hearing be held at the time of the final reading on the ordinance on January 16, 1956, and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Mr. Stevenson said the Company will post a notice on the bus advising the patrons of the public hearing on January 16th and thanked the Council for its consideration of the Company's problems.

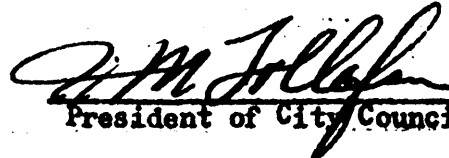
Mayor Tollefson read a letter from County Commissioner Harry Sprinker, suggesting that sites near the new County-City Building be considered for the Civic Auditorium, which is being urged by Tacoma Pierce County Athletic Federation, and stating the County-City Building off-street parking facilities for 600 cars will be made available to patrons of the Auditorium, particularly during the evening. Placing the proposition of a Civic Auditorium on the March 13th ballot for the voters to decide was discussed and Mr. Boyle advised the Council in order to comply with the 45 day's notice to the Auditor, a resolution would have to be adopted next Monday, January 9th. The matter of a Civic Auditorium was discussed at length, and the majority of the Council members expressed the opinion that a project of this magnitude should be studied carefully by the City Planning Commission, giving consideration not only to sites but also to priorities of various things needed by the City of Tacoma, and that this study should not be rushed. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mayor Tollefson directed Mr. Backstrom to prepare a communication to the

City Planning Commission, asking them to study the proposition of a Civic Auditorium in its entirety, taking into consideration the future plans for Tacoma, and various improvements needed for the betterment of the City, and report the findings to the Council.

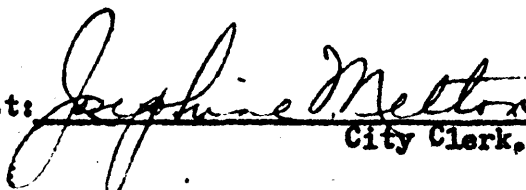
W. E. Beatty, representing Machinists Cascade Lodge, read in full a resolution adopted by their organization on December 16th, 1955. This resolution requested the City Council to place a proposition on the earliest City Ballot to amend the City Charter, making it mandatory to give preference on City improvements to materials and supplies manufactured or produced within the State of Washington when same are available at not more than 5% over the price if produced elsewhere. It was pointed out by Mr. Beatty that this practice is legal under a revision of the State Law but was not mandatory, and it is felt that Tacoma should be put on the same basis as Seattle, Portland and Spokane, which have this included in their Charters. The matter was discussed at length and Dr. Humiston suggested the City Attorney look into the situation to see if the State Law supersedes the Tacoma Charter. However if a Charter change is necessary, he asked Mr. Boyle to bring in a resolution covering this situation for next Monday's meeting. 278

Mr. Bratrud brought up the proposition of a full time Mayor for the City instead of part time as at present, and said he thought it would be a good thing to put this on the March 14th Ballot also. Col. Hooker favored increased compensation for a part time Mayor but did not favor a full time Mayor. He also expressed himself as in favor of compensating Council members for attendance at meetings other than scheduled Council meetings, such as L I D Hearings, Planning Commission meetings, Equalization Board meetings, etc. Dr. Humiston, Mr. Jensen, and Mrs. Goering said in their opinion the compensation of Council members was adequate, but they felt some adjustment was necessary in the Mayor's salary to give him a fair recompense for the amount of time he is compelled to devote to the duties of his office. Some members thought the Council had the legal right under State Law to make adjustments in compensation of the Council and Mayor without a Charter Amendment, and the Attorney was authorized to look into the matter and if necessary, have a resolution covering a Charter amendment prepared for adoption next week. 272

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

  
President of City Council.

Attest:

  
City Clerk.