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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:40 P. M.

Monday, April 19, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 1; Jensen.

It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the rules be suspended to allow consideration of a matter that is not on the agenda. Carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack that Mr. Bratrud be excused from attending Council meetings on March 29, April 5th and April 12th. Carried on roll: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

It was moved by Col. Hooker that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Wm. M. Busch, requesting the City to vacate the alley between 6th Avenue and South 7th Street from Orchard to Shirley. Referred to City Manager.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13895.

#### BY HOOKER:

Approving the recommendations of the Fire Chief and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the Contract for the furnishing of the annual supply of fire hose for the calendar year 1954 to Howard Cooper Corporation on its bid of \$6452, less 2% discount.

Adopted on roll call April 19, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 13896.

#### BY PERDUE:

Authorizing Director of Finance, through the Board of Contracts and Awards, to call for bids and to sell certain described automotive equipment listed herein, owned by the Police Department, to the highest and best bidder offering to purchase the same or any part thereof and pay in cash therefor the amount of such bid. Moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 of the Council rules. Motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call April 19, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 13897.

#### BY STOJACK:

Approving recommendations of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract for widening, resurfacing and related work on Union Avenue from South 12th Street to North 9th Street, known as improvement No. 4445 to Woodworth & Co. Inc., on its low bid of \$45,591.75.

Adopted on roll call April 19, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Initial Resolution No. 13898.BY PERDUE:CAST IRON WATER MAINS IMPROVEMENT:L. I. D. 5159.

Stating intention of Council to order installation of Water mains in the area between South 28th and South 36th Streets from Mason Avenue to Lawrence Street (Oakland and Hillcrest Districts) and fixing May 18th, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call April 19th, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 13899.BY BATTIN:

Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company to install one way signal heads for the safety of travelers upon Pacific Avenue and Wakefield Drive, and to provide for the erection and maintenance of said traffic devices (near South 26th Street).

Adopted on roll call April 19th, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 13876. (laid over to this date on April 12th).

BY STOJACK:

Authorizing City Manager to execute the attached agreement with the proper officials of Pierce County Fire District No. 4 for the installation and maintenance of Radio Equipment by the City of Tacoma Fire Department in Pierce County Fire District No. 4 (Midland) fire fighting vehicles. Read in full on April 12th. Mr. Backstrom reported that the agreement referred to in the resolution had been re-written to provide that Midland pay the City of Tacoma \$100 per year, as suggested in the communication of Fire Chief David McPherson of Midland Fire Dept. Resolution was then adopted.

Adopted on roll call April 19th, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15008.

Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main in Lenore Drive from North 13th Street to Country Club Drive; in North 13th Street from Lenore Drive to Rose Lane; an 8-inch cast iron water main in North 17th Street from Skyline Drive to Lenore Drive; a 12-inch cast iron water main in Country Club Drive from North 13th Street to Lenore Drive; in Lenore Drive from Country Club Drive to North 17th Street and in North 17th Street from Lenore Drive to Mildred Street; creating Local Improvement District No. 5237. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15009.

Amending Ordinance No. 14892, entitled: "An ordinance to provide for licensing and regulating the operation of certain devices, vehicles and things, and the carrying on of certain businesses, callings, professions, trades, occupations and activities in the City of Tacoma; to provide for the suspension and revocation of licenses issued;

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to establish license fees; to provide a penalty for the violation hereof; etc." (GENERAL LICENSE ORDINANCE) by adding thereto new sections to be known as Sections 72, 72(a), 72(c), 72(d), 72(e), 72(f) and 72(g). (Wrecker and Towing Operators). Read by title. Attorney Robert Copeland was present to represent a client who is interested in the ordinance. Mr. Copeland objected to Section 72(e) and 72(f), which require a sticker be placed upon the windshield of the vehicle that is licensed, on the grounds that it is hazardous to driving to place stickers on windshields, and stated that it would not cost a great deal more to furnish a metal license plate to affix to the truck or wrecker. He also objected to Sec. 72(g) "Grounds for Revocation", stating he felt the City Manager should be the officer to revoke a license instead of the City Treasurer. Mr. Copeland also contended that No. 1 of the General Rules should be changed, as it would not be fair to exclude a towing company from being licensed because they do not have space adjacent to their building to store 18 cars, and he suggested that the rule be modified by adding after the word "adjacent" the phrase "or within normal visual contact." The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15010.

Appropriating the sum of \$194,000.00 from the Port Industrial Waterway Bridge Construction Fund for the purpose of paying the balance of the cost of the construction of the Port Industrial Waterway Bridge from moneys loaned to said fund from the Local Improvement Guaranty Fund and the General Fund, pursuant to Resolution No. 13825 adopted December 21, 1953. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15006.

Providing for the improvement of East B Street from East 60th Street to East 61st Street; creating Local Improvement District No. 2105. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 of the Council Rules. Motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Bratrud, member of the County-City Building Committee, reported that he did not feel that the Council as a whole is satisfied with the basic plans for the County-City Building. Dr. Humiston stated that the City will lose its identity if they allow the building to be constructed according to the plans approved by the County Commissioners, as in that event both County and City offices will be intermingled in the tower section. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mrs. Goering that the City Manager be instructed to hire an architect to represent the Council and the City, and to submit an additional set of plans for the building. Lost on roll call: Ayes 3; Hooker, Humiston, Stojack. Nays 5; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 1; Jensen. Inasmuch as the County has not advised the City Council of the definite terms of occupancy of the building, it was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin that City Manager be instructed to write the County Commissioners, asking them to give the City Council a definite commitment as to their action on the present basic plans, and their terms of occupancy, and to request an immediate answer. Carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen. Mr. Bratrud then asked how many of the Council members were in favor of the basic plans of the County-City Building and a show of hands indicated that no one approved them. Dr. Humiston then moved that the City Manager be requested to begin a search for a different means of housing the City government. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council

Attest: