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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P.M.

Monday, January 18, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 1; Bratrud, taking his seat immediately after the minutes were approved.

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. Humiston and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMORIALS:

Easement- Dorothea and John M. Gilbertson- granting the City of Tacoma the right and privilege to construct and maintain a storm sewer over, under, along and across their property extending from North Verde Street northwesterly to alley between North 46th and North 48th Streets in Mason's Shore Line Addition. This easement has been approved by the City Attorney as to form and by the Director of Public Works as to description. It was moved by Mr. Stojack that the easement be accepted by the City Council and forwarded to the Director of Finance for recording and filing. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

The Director of Health and City Manager reported back on the following applications for licenses, recommending that they be Denied as the premises do not comply with requirements of the Health Department:

Anna A. Beesley, for license for restaurant at 2325 South Tacoma Avenue;
Jose Garcia and Dan Miller, for license for two pool tables and license for confectionery at 1518 Broadway;
George Lee Janssen, for license for grocery store at 5402 South J Street.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston to concur in the recommendations. Motion seconded by Mr. Cardue and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13839.

BY HOOKER:

Authorizing the City Attorney to settle the Lawsuit of Frank R. Patterson versus City of Tacoma, Cause No. 119239, in the sum of \$650.00, and that the payment of said sum is to be made at the direction of the City Attorney from the regularly established fund for that purpose; and that the City Council of the City of Tacoma hereby approves said settlement. (For damages to his truck occasioned by a partial obstruction of the stop sign on the North east corner of South 96th Street and Yakima Avenue).

Adopted on roll call January 18, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 13834 (laid over to this date on January 11th)

BY JENSEN:

Authorizing and directing payment to employees of Light Division, Department of Public Utilities, for vacation to which they were entitled during the year

in the amounts set forth after the name of such employee, in order to prevent an
 error.

Dr. Humiston explained that the resolution being considered by the Council at this time
 substitute, submitted by Assistant City Attorney Barline, which corrects errors found
 in the resolution as originally presented on January 4th in the computation of the vacation
 for which certain employees were to be paid.

After this explanation, roll was called on the resolution.

Roll call January 18, 1954.
 Ayes 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 13836. (laid over to this date on January 11th).

RESOLUTIONS:

Approving recommendation of the Chief of Police and Board of Contracts and Awards
 regarding contract for furnishing Police Uniforms and clothing for the Police Depart-
 ment for the calendar year 1954, to the Fechheimer Bros. Co.
 for a bid of \$18,017.00, which is considered to be the lowest and best bid in the inter-
 est of the City.

Dr. Humiston presented for Council's information a comparison sheet on the different bids
 for police uniforms and explained each item on this summary. He stated that it
 would be better for the City to have one contract on the uniforms as it would simplify
 ordering and alterations and there would be no difference in the quality and color of mater-
 ial, workmanship or trim on the uniforms. After this explanation roll was called on the
 resolution.

Roll call January 18, 1954.
 Ayes 0; Absent 0.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 14970.

Providing for improvement of alley between North Stevens and North Verde Streets
 (located) from North 38th to North 39th Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel,
 crushed rock and oil mat surface; creating Local Improvement District No. 2193. Read by
 title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 14971.

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to amend
 a contract authorized by Ordinance No. 14794 between the City of Tacoma, for and on
 behalf of its Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, and the United States of
 America, Department of Interior, acting by and through the Bonneville Power Administra-
 tion, for the sale by the Government to the City of Tacoma of electric energy and the
 exchange of energy between the parties and authorizing the delivery of said con-
 tract as amended. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Tollefson gave a short summary of what had transpired on the Safeway Stores
 hearing on their appeal from decision of City Planning Commission denying their peti-
 tion for rezoning property at North 26th and Stevens, and reported that each Council member
 had an opportunity to discuss the problem thoroughly, and he asked that the Council
 members now speak or ask questions on the subject if they wished. In order to open the
 floor for discussion, it was moved by Dr. Humiston that the City Council sustain the

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the decision of the City Planning Commission regarding the rezoning of North 26th and Stevens and that the appeal of the Safeway Stores Inc. brought to this Council be denied. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack. Mr. Stojack told Council that the City Planning Commission could take the same action on a petition for rezoning this location no matter who the petitioner might be, as it would not be "smart planning" to create another commercial zone in this area. Col. Hooker expressed the opinion that any further discussion would be superfluous as the individual members of the Council had already made up their minds as to how they would vote on the question. He stated that he would go along with the property owners of the district as 65% of those in the area affected were in favor of the Safeway Stores. Dr. Battin said that the members of the Planning Commission have given a great deal of time to the study of zoning and its problems, as well as to this particular case, and he felt the Council should stand by them until evidence has been given that they have failed to perform their duties. Mr. Jensen said the Council, if it should so decide, does have the authority to overrule the City Planning Commission, as this body, like any other person or group, is not always right. After further discussion by the Council members roll was taken on Dr. Humiston's motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Hooker; and 0.

Mayor Tollefson reported that he had received a number of communications, pamphlets and reports on "Fluoridation of Water" and asked if the other Council members had also received some, to which several replied in the affirmative. The subject was discussed at length, and it was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin that the matter of "Fluoridation of the City's Water" be tabled until June 1, 1954. Col. Hooker offered a substitute motion that the matter of Fluoridation be referred to the City Manager for review by the members of his staff and be reported back to the Council at a date which may be appropriate in their judgment. Motion lost for want of a second. Mayor was then called on the original motion, which was passed unanimously on voice vote. (minutes of Dec. 21st).

BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom presented his City Manager Letter #20, regarding Tacoma Time, Television program on City Government. He advised the Council that their program would be on February 17th, and suggested a committee be appointed to formulate the program. Mayor Tollefson said that he had given the Committee appointment much thought and had decided to appoint Mrs. Goering as Chairman, assisted by Dr. Battin and Mr. Bratrud.

Mayor Tollefson announced that a Regional meeting of the Puget Sound Planning Council had been set for January 26th, 1954 in Seattle. Mr. Backstrom reported that this Planning Council is composed of King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties, and indicated his desire to attend the meeting. The City of Tacoma will be represented by Mr. Wilcox of the Planning Department, Mr. Morris, Director of Public Works, Mr. Stojack, ex-officio member of the Planning Commission, and himself, if the Council approves. Council granted Mr. Backstrom permission to attend this meeting.

Mayor Tollefson reported that the Puget Sound Mayor's Conference would also be held on January 26th in Port Angeles. The main order of business at this conference will be to obtain information and formulate plans for legislative action on a state level. Mayor R. W. Johnson of Tumwater, who is also a State Representative, will be the main speaker.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk.