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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P.M.

Monday, June 4, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 9; Anderson (new member of the Council), Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 0. Col. Hooker, retiring member of the Council, was also present.

As this was the meeting at which the Council members, elected on March 13th assumed their office under the provisions of the Charter, the following newly elected and re-elected Councilmen were administered the Oath of Office by the City Clerk: Anderson, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Perdue.

At this time Mayor Tollefson called upon Col. Hooker, retiring member of the Council, who welcomed Mr. Anderson as a member of the Council, and expressed his appreciation to his former colleagues for their cooperation during the time he served on the Council.

Mayor Tollefson advised that a Temporary Chairman should be appointed to take charge of the meeting until the Council selected a Mayor for the next two year period. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin, that Mr. Boyle be appointed as Temporary Chairman. This motion was ruled out of order as it was pointed out that the Temporary Chairman must be a member of the Council. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston that Mr. Tollefson be appointed as Temporary Chairman and this motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tollefson assumed the chairmanship and asked the Council members how they wished to proceed with the selection of a Mayor. Dr. Humiston suggested that balloting be without nominations. Mr. Bratrud suggested that the Council hold a fifteen minute executive session to talk the matter over. Dr. Battin expressed himself as favoring the ballot idea.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, and motion was seconded by Mr. Perdue that the Council take a straw ballot without nominations. The ballots were cast and the count showed that Dr. Battin received 4 votes; Anderson 2; Jensen 1; Tollefson 1; one member not voting.

It was then moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Stojack that we have an official ballot for Mayor. This motion was amended by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Stojack to "that this ballot be declared the nominating ballot and that the two receiving the highest vote be nominated and voted on the official final ballot. Dr. Humiston moved to amend the amendment to drop off all those who receive no votes and also the one with the lowest vote. This motion received no second. Roll was then called on Mr. Jensen's amendment, which carried: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Goering. The ballots were cast and the Count showed Dr. Battin received 2 votes; Anderson 4, Stojack 1; Tollefson 2.

It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that the Council vote on the top three names. Motion carried unanimously. The ballots were cast and the Count showed that Dr. Battin received three votes; Mr. Anderson 4 and Mr. Tollefson 2.

The ballots were then cast on the fourth and final vote, which showed Anderson received 5 votes and Battin 4 votes. Mr. Anderson was declared elected as Mayor and the City Clerk then administered the oath of office as Mayor to him.

Mayor Anderson assumed the chairmanship and pledged that he would do his very best to fill the position and to promote the City Manager form of government.

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll of the new Council. Present 9; Anderson, Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson.

Mayor Anderson asked the Council's pleasure as to appointment of an Acting Mayor. Both Mrs. Goering and Mayor Tollefson said they did not wish to be considered for the position inasmuch as they had previously served as Acting Mayor and Mayor respectively and they felt the office should be rotated. It was decided to follow the same procedure in selecting an Acting Mayor as had been followed in the selection of Mayor.

Results of the balloting for Acting Mayor were as follows:

- (1) Straw Ballot- Battin 3, Bratrud 2, Humiston 1, Perdue 1, Stojack 2.
- (2) Nominating Ballot- Battin 5, Bratrud 2, Humiston 1, Stojack 1.
- (3) Final Ballot- Battin 5, Bratrud 4. Dr. Battin was declared elected to the office of Acting Mayor.

Regular order of business was resumed and Council proceeded with consideration of

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14671.

BY PERDUE:

Approving Taxicab License Application of Paul F. Salatino and directing proper officers of Tacoma to issue a 1956 taxicab license to said person; approving exclusive taxicab stand application of said party and granting one such stand location at 801 Pacific Avenue to said Paul F. Salatino for the year 1956.

Adopted on roll call June 4, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14672.

BY TOLLEFSON:

Commending the several departments of the City of Tacoma participating in the National Safety Traffic Educational Program and particularly the Tacoma Police Department as the co-ordinator of the program, for their achievements in winning an award for the City of Tacoma for accident records in Public Safety Education in the 1955 Traffic Safety Award Program.

Adopted on roll call June 4, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14673.

BY PERDUE:

Approving recommendation of the Board of Contracts and Awards and the Public Utility Board and awarding the contract for furnishing Fuel Oil Requirements for period from July 1, 1956 through June 30, 1957 to Griffin Fuel Co. on its low bid.

Adopted on roll call June 4, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14674.

By GOERING:

Amending Resolution No. 14029, which sets forth specific improvements

to be paid for by general street and bridge improvement bonds of 1954, to include widening, surfacing, acquisition of right of way, and incidental improvements of South 19th Street from Union Avenue to Bantz Boulevard, together with necessary storm drainage facilities.

Adopted on roll call June 4, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Resolution No. 14675.

BY BATTIN:

Fixing Monday, July 2, 1956, as date for hearing on petition to vacate North 37th Street from Union Avenue to Puget Sound. (Pet. B. C. Andrus, et al- 3-20-56).

Adopted on roll call June 4, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14676. L I D 4582. *

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BY BATTIN:

Fixing July 3, 1956 as the date for hearing on L I D 4582- asphaltic concrete pavement with cement concrete curb and gutter on South Fife Street from South 19th Street to South 17th Street.

Adopted on roll call June 4, 1956.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15631. L. I. D. 1957.

Providing for improvement of Alaska Street from South 60th Street to South 64th Street by installation of sanitary sewers; creating L I D 1957. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15630.

An ordinance to be known as the Driveway Control Ordinance, relating to and controlling the construction of proposed driveways and curbs, gutters, and sidewalks adjacent thereto; defining the duties of the Director of Public Works in relation thereto; providing penalties for the violation thereof; and amending Section 4 of Ordinance No. 14734. Read by title. Mayor Anderson said he felt the ordinance was a necessity but that there are some changes and corrections which should be included and suggested the ordinance be laid over for two weeks. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to postpone the ordinance for two weeks to June 18th. Talking on the motion, Mr. Stojack said he would like to see it postponed until after the new City Manager takes office so the Council might have his recommendation. Mr. Jensen expressed the opinion that it is basically a good ordinance, but he felt it should be given more study and suggested a Committee of the Council and representatives from the Contractors be appointed for this purpose. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Jensen that the motion be amended to postpone the ordinance to July 16th. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Battin.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14626, adopted by the Council on May 7, 1956, for hearing on petition of Victor Johnson, et al (2-10-56) for vacation of South 18th Street from the east line of South Durango Street to the

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west line of the alley right of way between South Durango and South Adams Streets, the Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. Also reported that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioners and that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. The Clerk also reported that the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Public Works have no objection to the granting of the petition and that the City Planning Commission at its meeting on April 17th recommended approval of the vacation. Mr. Victor Johnson, one of the petitioners, stated that this street is covered with brush and weeds and if the vacation is granted and the property turned over to him, he will clean it up and beautify it. No remonstrators appearing, it was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin that the petition be granted and the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance to vacate the street. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14628, adopted by the Council on May 7, 1956, for hearing on petition of Mrs. Alice Webber, et al, requesting the vacation of South Pierce Street from the south line of South 11th Street to the north line of South 12th Street, the Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. Also reported that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioners and that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. The Clerk also reported that the Department of Public Utilities has no objection to the granting of the vacation petition and the Public Works Department does not object, providing a ten foot easement is reserved for an existing sanitary sewer and that a stipulation is made that the existing manhole be made accessible for maintenance work at all time. She reported that the City Planning Commission at its meeting of April 17th recommended approval of the vacation subject to the condition requested by the Public Works Department. As no one was present to represent the petitioners and explain the reasons for the vacation, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that the hearing be continued for one week to June 11th, 1956. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. The Clerk was directed to notify the petitioners of the continuance and to request them to send a representative to the next meeting.

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14627, adopted by the Council on May 7, 1956, for hearing on petition of Tom Page, et al, for vacation of all of South 66th Street contiguous to Lot 8, Block 1 of Villa Park Addition, the Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. Also reported that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioners and that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. Also reported that the Department of Public Utilities has no objection to granting the vacating petition provided satisfactory arrangements are made for relocation of two water meters and payment estimated at \$125.00 be made by the petitioners therefor. A letter dated May 18th, subsequent to the above report, was read from the Director of Utilities advising that the satisfactory deposits have been made for the readjustments of the water meters and the Water Division is now agreeable to vacating the property. She further reported that the Department of Public Works have no objection providing a sewer easement is retained by the City. A letter from the City Planning Commission was read advising that at its meeting on April 17th, it recommended approval of the vacation subject to the conditions requested by the Departments of Public Utilities and Public Works as noted above. As no one was present to explain the matter to Council, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to continue the hearing for one week to June 11th. Mr. Stojack, who is on the Planning Commission, explained the situation in detail and stated this is a controversy of long standing. He urged the Council to act tonight as nothing would be gained by postponing action. Mayor Tollefson, who was also familiar with the case, explained the history of the same and he also urged Council to take action tonight. In view of these explanations, Dr. Humiston, with the consent of his second, withdrew his motion for continuance of the hearing. It was then moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the petition be granted and the City Attorney be directed to draw the necessary ordinance vacating the street. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Tollefson gave a detailed report for the information of the Council of the Western Regional Conference of the President's Committee for Traffic Safety, which he attended in San Francisco on May 31st and June 1st.

* The sending of a Council member to represent the City of Tacoma at the 5th Meeting of the Inter-American Congress of Municipalities to be held August 14th through 19th at Panama City, Panama, was discussed. Mr. Tollefson stated he felt it should be someone who spoke Spanish, and as far as he knew Dr. Battin was the only Council member who could speak this language. It was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that Dr. Battin be sent as a representative of the City of Tacoma to this meeting at the expense of the City. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Tollefson reported that the Library Board has requested him not to fill the vacancy on the Board resulting from the resignation of Dr. Blankenship, Superintendent of Schools, until the new superintendent takes office. It is the thinking of the Board that the new Superintendent may be willing to serve in this capacity, he added.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 8:37 P. M.

John H. Anderson
President of City Council

Attests: Josephine Melton
City Clerk.