

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, January 6, 1958.

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Perdue and Mayor Anderson. Mr. Tollefson took his seat at 7:40 P. M. and Mr. Jensen and Mr. Stojack took their seats at 7:45 P. M. Absent 1; Battin.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and the reading thereof dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson.

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 15184:L I D 4634:

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BY BRATRUD:

Fixing February 4, 1958 as the date for hearing on L I D 4634, grading and permanent type pavement including concrete curbs, gutters, storm water catch basins and storm drains where needed on South 39th Street from J to L, So. 54th Street from Asotin to Cushman Ave.; So. 55th Street from Asotin to Sheridan Ave.; Sheridan Avenue from So. 55th to So. 56th; So. 53rd from Fawcett Ave. to D Street; D Street from So. 53rd to So. 54th and J Street from So. 56th to So. 59th; also storm drains only in So. 59th Street from J to K Street.

Adopted on roll call January 6, 1958

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson.

Resolution No. 15185:BY BRATRUD:

Authorizing issuance of a local improvement assessment deed to J. A. Pearson and E. C. Brenden for \$1200.00 in cash, for property located at South 47th Street between Asotin and Alaska Streets.

Adopted on roll call January 6, 1958

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson.

Resolution No. 15186:BY BATTIN:

Settling the claim and personal injury action of Josie Damon in the amount of \$2,000.00 and authorizing the City Attorney to direct payment in said amount out of the Sundry injuries and Damages Fund.

Adopted on roll call January 6, 1958

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCES:Finance No. 16016:

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 levying an indebtedness in the amount of \$500,000.00, for the purpose of establishing an airport and other air navigation facilities. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 16017:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to reclassification of property located at the Southwest corner of South 38th Street and Pacific Avenue from a C-1 Commercial District to a C-2 Commercial District. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16018:

Vacating the alley between North 27th Street and North 28th Street from North Madison Street to North Monroe Street. (Petition of Mason Methodist Church). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Dr. Humiston moved to suspend the rules to introduce an ordinance regarding the airport which is not on the Agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1. Battin.

Ordinance No. 16019:

Authorizing the issuance and sale of general negotiable serial interest-bearing coupon bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the purpose of establishing an airport and other air navigation facilities. Read by title.

Dr. Humiston moved to amend the ordinance to read "that the issuance and sale of negotiable interest bearing coupon bonds in the amount of \$350,000", instead of \$300,000. Motion seconded by Mrs. Goering, and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

Dr. Humiston then moved to amend the ordinance to provide for payment of the bond issue in ten years instead of twenty years. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud. The question was asked why Dr. Humiston wished this change to be made. Dr. Humiston advised that by changing this from twenty to ten years the City would save on the amount of interest to be paid, and for an amount such as this, he believes it is within the ability of the City to pay this amount "on an inside levy", and thought it should be paid off as quickly as possible. It will require an annual payment of approximately \$37,000 per year, he said. Vote was taken on the amendment, resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Dr. Humiston advised that some method of repayment, which is "iron clad" should be provided in the ordinance which this does, by making the repayment by the use of the "inside levy" and for that reason, he prefers it to borrowing from the Local Improvement District Guaranty Fund. It has the further advantage of leaving the Local Improvement Guaranty Fund intact as it is the one place where emergency funds can be easily obtained instead of borrowing from one pocket to the other. The actual cost to the City is not substantially different, and for the above two reasons he believes it is preferential to borrowing from another fund in order to finance the Airport acquisition.

Mr. Tollefson asked if there has been a close scrutiny of what the bond interest rate might be as compared to the interest rate of emergency borrowing from the Local Improvement District Guaranty Fund.

Dr. Humiston said the interest rate should not be too different from any other General Obligation Bond issue which is guaranteed by the millage levy. If the City were to borrow from the Local Improvement District Guaranty Fund the interest rate would be 2% as stipulated in the Ordinance. A fair estimate on the interest rate of the "inside levy" would probably be approximately 4%, he added. The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16011:

Approving a temporary loan in the amount of \$300,000.00 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. Stojack advised that in view of the many uncertainties that are involved in the proposal he would like to have this ordinance postponed until next week. He then moved that the ordinance be postponed until January 13, 1958. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

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 construction of pumping and facilities in connection therewith. Read by title.

Mayor Anderson advised that a letter had been received from Dr. Battin, supporting the recommendations of the Citizens' Committee and urging the City to put the program across. He commended the Committee on their accomplishments, stating "this group is the greatest thing that has ever happened to Tacoma, or any City west of St. Louis." He also said that the Council would be remiss in their duty if they did not keep their attention centered on the over-all goal for a greater and more prosperous Tacoma.

Mr. Bratrud advised that, if further discussions will be held this week with the School Board in regard to the different items to be placed on the ballot, this ordinance should be postponed until next week for final passage. He then moved to postpone Ordinance No. 16012 until January 13th. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack.

Dr. Humiston asked Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, if enough time would be allowed if this ordinance were passed next week.

Mr. McCormick advised that the ordinance would not be effective until ten days after publication and the forty-five day limitation would be up the 24th of January. The Supreme Court, he said, ruled that the forty-five day limitation is up to the discretion of the County Auditor. He stated further that he believed the County Auditor was well aware of the propositions and would place them on the ballot if they were approved by next Monday.

Mr. Tollefson advised that if there were any single items to be placed on the ballot that would be regarded as prime importance to the City that could not be cut or eliminated it would be the Bond Issue regarding Sewers. The Citizens' Committee have no objection to the Sewer Bond Issue and could not suggest any cutting in this proposed issue, and, if this is the case, nothing can be accomplished except delay, he said.

Mr. Bratrud was asked to withdraw his motion to postpone the ordinance until January 13th for final passage. He agreed to withdraw his motion with the consent of Mr. Stojack, who had seconded same.

Dr. Humiston moved that Ordinance No. 16012, as originally drafted and filed, be amended to conform to the changes as made in the final amending ordinance as passed by the Council which included changes from the original draft of said ordinance tonight providing for a 20-year bond issue instead of a 30-year; and 6% interest limitation instead of 4% limitation; and changes in the wording in the description and designation of the capital improvements to be paid for by the proceeds from the bonds. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

Mr. Bratrud again moved to postpone the ordinance for one week to January 13th. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack.

Mayor Anderson advised this has been discussed with many of the various committees and the School Board. He said there was no question on their part as to the necessity of this improvement. Roll was called on Mr. Bratrud's motion to postpone for one week, resulting as follows: Ayes 3; Bratrud, Jensen, Stojack. Nays 5; Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson, Anderson. Absent 1; Battin. Motion declared lost.

Roll was then called on the ordinance as amended, and passed.

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

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 Ordinance No. 16013:

Providing 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 he had requested several Committee Chairmen to be present at this evening meeting to discuss their particular Bond Issue and for the Council to ask any questions they so desired.

Mayor Anderson then called on Mr. Walter Gordon, Chairman of the Street Lighting Committee, to summarize the work of his Committee.

Mr. Gordon said that the previous Bond Issue in 1956 has lighted approximately half of the most important arterials, which leaves more than 70 miles of arterials yet to light and nothing has been done on residential lighting. He pointed out that the street lighting system is obsolete and the money appropriated in this Bond Issue will light approximately half of the remaining arterials and will only make a start on the improvement of residential street lighting. The Committee recommends to get as much street lighting as the City can for the dollar, he added, and suggests the City use wooden poles and overhead wiring. If a particular area wishes to have the underground wiring and ornamental street lights they should be willing to pay the cost themselves, he added. This money also provides that from the Operating Funds year by year in the Budget and by Local Improvement District Funds, plus the General Obligation Fund it will in time rehabilitate the residential street lighting which would take years to accomplish. By setting up some of this money from the Operating Funds to provide for improved equipment from the General Obligation Bonds to match some of the money from Local Improvement District Funds would mean a start towards better street lighting in the residential areas. Now, he said, there is \$66,000 a year for five years. In general the Bond Issues provide only for the next two years, and the Sub-committee recommended that \$66,000 be included for the last three years, which was accepted by the Finance and the Over-all Committees. He advised that if the present Local Improvement Districts are not approved, a part of the street lighting system can be reconditioned.

Mr. Tollefson stated he wished to concur in Mr. Gordon's statement inasmuch as the Council and the people in Tacoma are aware that adequate street lighting reduces the accident rate. Studies show that most of the automobile accidents occur percentage-wise during the hours of darkness where the streets are not properly lighted. Proper lighting will decrease crime rates as crime rates are highest during the hours of darkness. We can serve no useful purpose to delay this matter further, he said. People are anxious to get this matter across and he believes they will wholeheartedly support the issue as shown by the strides that have been taken in the last Street Lighting Bond Issue a few years ago.

Mr. Stojack advised that at the last meeting the Council requested the Planning Commission to review the recommendations for the Bond Program and requested that the letter from the Planning Commission be read at this time. The following recommendations, as set out in the letter, were made to the Council:

(1) That the amount of \$400,000 be included in the Bond Issue for Public Buildings to acquire a site for a Civic Auditorium; (2) That no reductions be made in the Bond Issues proposed by the Citizens' Committee, but that the "least high" Priority be assigned to these items:

- (a) \$202,000 for unspecified public buildings;
- (b) A portion of the amount for street lighting.

Mr. Stojack advised that Mr. Riconosciuto, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was present and that possibly he might wish to add to the remarks already presented.

Mr. Riconosciuto advised that he wanted to be sure that the Council and Committee understood that the recommendation was not for a cut in the bond issue, but that if a cut was necessary that it be made in the order as presented.

Mayor Anderson advised that Mr. Reno Odlin, General Chairman of the Committee, was present and advised him that they were discussing the Street Lighting, and asked him if he had anything to add.

Mr. Odlin advised that he had nothing to add, but wanted the Council to recognize that a lot of people spent a great deal of time trying in their conscientious way

to find out what was a good program for Tacoma. Whatever Mr. Gordon says, I second on behalf of the Committee. (Whatever Mr. Sass says, I second.) These people worked real hard and they thought they came up with what would be a pretty good plan for Tacoma. I live here, I like it, I intend to keep on living here and whatever is for the best interest of the City, I am sure the Committee would be for it. Whatever Walter says, I am sure was carefully considered and they did the best job they knew how. In presenting the program too, just as Mr. Sass says, and Mr. Olson, on the Sewers and Drains, and the other Chairmen of the Sub-committees. We had nothing to gain on this Citizens' Committee. There wasn't a single one of us who had an axe to grind nor an iron in the fire. We just tried to study all the things that you people of the Council have studied before, everything that was presented by the Planning Commission. Everything that has been proposed by the different engineers that you hired from time to time to give you their opinion. Then we came up with what we thought was the logical program for the betterment and expansion of our City. And by that, we stand. (Whatever Walter says, I'm for.) Now, you can get a group of ten or twelve people on a Sub-committee and you can have ten or twelve opinions. The only thing I have to say on behalf of the Citizens' Committee is when we got through, it was unanimous. And, if you can get 250 people being unanimous, you have accomplished something--and they were, and they proposed this package. Now, we don't claim any finality or perfection for this program. We know that the City Council has been wrestling with these things, studying them, understood them, perhaps better than we have, but we have come up with a program that we think is in the best interests, overall, of the City of Tacoma. We'd like you to accept it. If you agree with it 88%, or 92% or 93% we'd like you to adopt it. That is my whole speech--I don't want to get into an argument with anybody and I'm not mad at anybody. I hope nobody is mad at me, except the School people, but somehow or another every time I suggested that maybe the schools could take another look at their program, seven or eight people got up and said: "Well to even mention the schools is like coming out against 'motherhood'", I don't think it is. I think they ought to be looked at just like the rest of the problems. You people on the Council have your problems too, and, believe me, we recognize it--all of it. You have legal limitations, you have psychological limitations, you have everything. When I got through with that meeting that you attended, Mayor Anderson, and every member of your Board except Paul, who was unable to be there for good and sufficient reasons, attended. We had a bunch of people with the Schools get up and object a little to certain words. I went home, I was upset, I didn't think we had said anything that should offend anybody, so I called Dr. Giardrone. I said: "Dr., I want to read this paragraph to you and I want you to tell me if you find anything objectionable", and he said: "No, no of course I don't. I don't find a thing that's objectionable". So I rather had to assume that maybe these volunteers that got up and objected to our program were just that--volunteers, because the Dr. didn't agree with them. I think we've got certain problems in our community and these problems ought to be solved and we ought to do something about it and we all ought to get together. In the Book of Ecclesiastes, I think it is, Chapter II, the 16th verse there is a little line that I like that says: "Come now and let us reason together." I think that it applies to the Schools just as much as it does to your Council or to our Committee or to anybody else. Let's reason together--let's try to develop here the basic plan for a better Tacoma. That's all that we are interested in--that's all that Walter is interested in--that's all that Lloyd Sass was interested in and I know that's all that you are interested in. Let's have a better City--a better place to live in--a better place to raise our kids in--none of us want to leave. If we had wanted to, we would have left quite a while ago! I don't want to and I know you don't. The members of the Citizens' Committee don't claim perfection. We have simply taken all the material that was available to us and have come up with a program that we think is for the best interest of all of the people of Tacoma. I hope the Council feels that way, if you want to change it in detail, that is your privilege. We don't claim perfection for it, but if you think that we're right then I say let's stand up and say we think we're right. Mr. Mayor and members of the Council, you will be amazed how many people in this community will agree with you in every radio speech, every television appearance, everything that appears in the paper--you are going to get some reaction--I would like to tell you about mine. I expected to get a lot of "Dear Sir, you dirty dog" letters as Chairman of this Committee. I haven't had one, not one, but I have a whole file of letters that say, "Well, thank God, some group in this town has finally taken the bear by the tail and gone to work and tried to do something in the interests of this City." I'll be glad to show them to you. You are more than welcome to see them, but let me say to the members of the Council, I haven't

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You have all been elected to office. I was the only candidate of either party that was ever defeated in all thirty-nine counties. I really made the record, and I expected that if this committee had brought on a lot of stuff that was unpopular, we would hear from the people. I haven't one single letter opposing the proposals of the Council. I give you that for what it is worth. What we would like is merely this. We would like to have the Council decide in its judgment whether the proposals that this Committee has made make sense or not, if you think they ought to be altered, we accept it. If you think certain aspects of it should be amended, we accept that. We don't claim perfection. We just try it, as you are doing, to do a job for our town. And that, Mr. Mayor, is all I've got to say. Whatever we've said is, in our opinion, in the best interests of the City of Tacoma. I think I heard a question, may I answer it?"

Dr. Humiston stated that he knew that Mr. Odlin is familiar with some of the necessary totals for validating bond issues, and so forth, and I think I'm right in saying, while I wasn't there, that your group has considered the question as to whether these issues should be put on the March Ballot or held over until November and I would like to know what your decision had been as far as your Citizens' Committee is concerned. Mr. Odlin replied: "Doctor, I think you should 'shoot the works'".

Dr. Humiston said: "In March".

Mr. Odlin replied: "Yes, we've checked the totals—we know what the required vote is and what the required majorities are—we think we can get it. We have a Promotion and Publicity Committee, headed by Mr. Vincent Bacon, and we think we can stir up enough interest among the people of this community to get out the required number of votes, which I understand to be somewhere around 31,000, or am I wrong?"

Dr. Humiston said: "33,000 on the Issues".

Mr. Odlin replied that it was a little higher than he thought it was, but, he said: "I think we can get 'em. We had 29,000 roughly at the last City Election—I think we can get 33,000. If we don't, it won't be because we haven't tried. This town needs these things. We have to have these things or else.—Well, I'm not going to make the same speech. I said "Crawl back and pull the covers over your head", and so help me, I mean that I have talked to a lot of people that might bring offices here to this community. The Mayor knows, because he happened to be there, that on Thursday of last week, I talked with a Chemical Company that may put a \$6,000,000.00 plant in this community, and certain things have to happen before they will do it. I wish I could show you the questionnaire that General Electric Company puts out to their people before they locate a plant in a community. I'm going to make a community fund speech, I'm sorry, I have to. One of the pages in this questionnaire by General Electric, "What have been the results of the community giving campaign in the last five years—have they made their quota?—have they done the job that the community requires?" That is one full page! When Tacoma fell down this year on the Community Chest Campaign, the Good Neighbor Campaign, I darn near cried. I darn near cried. It's too bad. Next, what about this, that or the other phase. Now, mind you, I'm talking about General Electric Company. They are not just thinking about how much business we can get—they are thinking about what kind of a community would we be locating a plant in. They want to know what kind of people do you have interested in music? What kind of people do you have interested in gardens, in Civic beautification,—what kind of a sport community have we got, do they support their sports teams? their High Schools, their Colleges, etc. Four-fifths of this General Electric questionnaire is "What kind of a place is this that you're suggesting we locate a plant in. One-fifth, maybe, is about railway traffic, loadings and economic statistics, but mainly, they're interested in what kind of a community it is. Well, ladies and gentlemen of the Council, what kind of a community have we got here in Tacoma? (What can we answer those questions with. Can we say to the General Electric Company,) "Well, we've got a nice town, there's an awful lot of nice people here, but, of course we lost our Baseball Club because people didn't go to watch it—we lost our Hockey Club because people didn't go to look at it. We didn't do very well on the Good Neighbor Fund, in fact we fell down, badly with our quota of \$1, 138,000, and we're lucky if we get \$900,000.00. We didn't do very well on this, we didn't do very well on that. Can't we, Mr. Mayor, in Tacoma sometime be able to say to these National concerns that we're an outstanding City and we've done the things that ought to be done to make a good community out of it. We've succeeded, well, that's what bothers me. I think, ladies and gentlemen, I think that if we could get a record of success in one or two things; if we could go over

the top in the Community Chest, or if we could convince the Coast League that we ought to have a baseball team here, which I'd love, or if we can just tell General Electric, or whoever else inquires that we have a going community that is going to support those things that a community needs to make it a forward looking progressive area in which you could locate a plant, I think we'd be way, way ahead. May I say to the members of the Council that you have two hundred and fifty very nice people, (very good people) who have spent a lot of time on this. They don't ask you to accept everything they have handed to you, but they do ask you to accept what they have given you in the spirit that it is given. This is a conscientious, earnest effort to present something for the best interests of our City, and we hope that you'll see the things the way we do, and adopt the program. Let's make Tacoma a City we can be proud of, in all respects the kind of a City you, and we can say, "We helped to make this" but we were called sometime ago by some magazine or another "The All American City". Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Anderson thanked Mr. Odlin and advised him that we have a recording of his entire speech and we can play it back from time to time. You know when these bond issues come up we know we will get the same benefits as you and your committee. This has worked in other cities very well, and I know that you know that the Council appreciates it, and your whole committee did a tremendous job. We can't single anyone out but you have done a tremendous job as their Chairman. The whole community owes you a debt of gratitude for the wonderful job you have done on their behalf. Mr. Odlin said: "On their behalf, thank you".

Dr. Humiston said he is in favor of passing this ordinance "as is" tonight. He then moved that Ordinance No. 16013, as originally drafted and filed, be amended to conform to the changes as made in the final amending ordinance as passed by the Council, which included changes from the original draft of said ordinance tonight, providing for a twenty-year bond issue instead of a thirty-year; six percent interest limitation instead of four percent limitation and clarification of the improvements to be made by specifically including therein "wooden poles". Seconded by Stojack; Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1.

Mr. Stojack asked if the Council was going to have a meeting with the School Board this week in regard to looking over a cut in our Bond Program. He advised he would like to have this meeting with the School Board and he does not think this ordinance should be passed tonight if a meeting is to be held later in the week.

Mr. Rowlands advised that he had talked with Dr. Giardrone this morning and if Council desires the School Board would be willing to meet with Council later this week. He also said that the Publicity and Promotions Committee met this last week and suggested that the program be carried out for the March election, assuming that that the necessary support is forthcoming. Several of the women members of the Publicity and Promotions Committee are also active Parent-Teacher Assn. members throughout the City, and it is the consensus of the Publicity and Promotions Committee that if at all possible the School Program and the City Program should be synchronized that more might be accomplished to the extent of using the Parent-Teachers Assn.'s and Citizens' Group and all working together on the entire program.

After further discussion roll was called on the ordinance, as amended, resulting as follows:

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

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. Read by title.

Mayor Anderson stated that Mr. E. H. Brus, Chairman of the Public Buildings Committee was present and asked him to comment at this time.

Mr. Brus, Chairman of the Public Buildings Committee, explained the only thing the Committee can recommend for the next two years are items that they felt could be handled at this time. One is the addition to the McCormick Branch Library and the other the replacement of the South Tacoma Branch Library. The other recommendations pertain mainly to the Fire Department with the thought in mind of getting a Class 2 Rating, if possible,

for the South Truck Company, the Training Building and changing of the Fire Boat Moorage. These are the items they felt should be handled in the next two years, he added.

Dr. Humiston asked what the percentage difference would be in Fire Insurance premiums charged to people in a Class 2 as compared to a Class 3 District. Mr. Brus advised that approximately 15% less would be charged for this insurance.

Dr. Humiston said that if the City could achieve a Class 2 Fire District instead of a Class 3 Fire Insurance rates would be reduced approximately 15% for everyone in the City.

Mr. Rowlands said this is true but it will depend on how much it will cost the City of Tacoma and that will be determined after the Fire Underwriters make their recommendation.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston that Ordinance No. 16014, as originally drafted and filed, be amended to conform to the changes as made in the amending draft of said ordinance, which was filed with the Clerk and which ordinance as amended included changes providing for a 20-year bond issue instead of 30 years; 6% interest limitation instead of 7% limitation, and other changes. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Mr. Tollefson inquired as to the possibility of placing this on an inside levy of the City.

Mr. Rowlands advised that every time an item is placed on an inside levy it means the operating Budget "must have its belt tightened" a little bit more because we cannot exceed the 15 mills which is possible with the people voting for a bond program. Every time we realize the inside levy the principal and interest payments must be absorbed out of other revenues of the operating budget.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston to postpone action on the ordinance for one week. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Bratrud; Absent 1; Battin.

Mr. Jensen advised that in the letter previously read from Mr. Marshall Riconosciuto it provides that \$400,000.00 be included in the Bond Issue for acquiring a site for a Civic Auditorium. He would like to see this item postponed to some future time.

Mr. Stojack asked that Mr. Riconosciuto speak on this matter. Mr. Riconosciuto stated that the Planning Commission voted at their last meeting to ask the Council to reinstate the \$400,000.00 for a site acquisition for a Civic Auditorium. He advised that if the City is going to proceed with Urban Renewal, they will need the Federal matching funds that will be available. He further suggested that before the auditorium or the proposed downtown parking garage are built a comprehensive plan for the downtown area be formulated.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the Council reconsider the motion to postpone for one week. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Goering; Absent 1; Battin.

Dr. Humiston then moved that Ordinance 16014 be amended and the gross amount be increased to \$750,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack. Roll was called on the amendment, resulting as follows: Ayes 3; Bratrud, Jensen, Stojack. Nays 5; Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson, Anderson; Absent 1; Battin. Motion declared lost.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston to postpone action on the ordinance for one week. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Bratrud; Absent 1; Battin.

Mr. Tollefson requested that an ordinance be prepared for submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma bond issues for constructing a Baseball Park and a Civic Auditorium. These ordinances should be for Council's consideration before the Fall Election.

Ordinance No. 16015:

Providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at the general municipal election to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 1958, of a proposition of creating an indebtedness of \$4,073,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the cost of the construction of general street and bridge improvements in said City. Read by title.

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Dr. Humiston asked if this \$875,000 for Right-of-Way would be used for any part of the proposed downtown off-street parking garages.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, said the amount would be used solely for acquiring twenty-five or thirty foot strips of Right-of-Way from Pacific Avenue to Broadway on the extensions of So. 10th and So. 12th Streets and installing pedestrian escalators. The garages themselves will be built with private capital, Mr. Rowlands added.

After further discussion it was moved by Mr. Jensen that Ordinance No. 16615, as originally drafted, be amended to conform to the changes as made in the amending draft of said ordinance, which was filed with the Clerk and which ordinance as amended included changes providing for a 20-year bond issue instead of 30 years, and 6% interest limitation instead of 4% limitation, Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.. Mr. Tollefson moved to set the ordinance over for one week for final action. Motion seconded by Mrs. Goering and carried on roll call: Ayes 5; Nays 3; Bratrud, Humiston, Stojack; Absent 1; Battin.

Mr. Ralph Williams and Mr. Jerry Geehan of the Citizens Golf Course Committee talked at length on the Golf Course problem and pointed out that Meadow Park Golf Course is operating in the black belt, and may be subdivided unless it is purchased by the City.

Mayor Anderson said it would be a crime if the City lost Meadow Park. Mr. Williams remarked that it was the most adapted location for a Municipal Court and would need very little improvement for a first-class Course. Mr. Jerry Geehan pointed out that Spokane and Portland each operate three Courses.

After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Bratrud that "We, the City Council, recommend that the Metropolitan Park Board give full consideration to the report of the Golf Course Sub-Committee of the Citizens' Committee for the acquisition of self-supporting Municipal Golf Courses." Motion seconded by Mr. Tollefson.

Mr. J. Beckman spoke in favor of a Golf Course, stating it was the duty of the Council to see that an adequate Golf Course is provided for the citizens of Tacoma.

Roll was then taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Mr. Stojack suggested that a letter be written to the Park Board in reference to their feelings on this matter and Mayor Anderson said he would see that such a letter is written.

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Sass if he would like to talk on the Airport Issue.

Mr. Sass said the Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee met at noon today and reiterated Tacoma's desperate need of an Industrial Airport and officially went on record as endorsing the site for a Municipal Tacoma Airport.

Mr. Kulich said he had a prepared statement by Mr. Pulliam of the Peninsula Airport Committee which is in opposition to the Airport site. This is in form of a rebuttal to the contents of the Citizens' Sub-Committee Report on the Airport, he said. He asked if the Council would study this rebuttal at their perusal before next week when this ordinance comes up for final passage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment roll for the cost of the Improvement in Local Improvement District 5159 -for construction of watermains in Oakland and Hillcrest Community, the area bounded by So. 28th, Lawrence Street, So. 40th Street and Mason Avenue. X

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that February 4, 1958 be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment roll. Motion carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

The City Planning Commission reports back on the petition of Bart Payne, et al (10-17-57) for rezoning property on the west side of Pacific Avenue from South 36th Street to South 37th Street from an R-3 Two Family Dwelling District to a C-2 Commercial District, and recommends the petition be denied. 28
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Mr. Russell Buehler, Planning Director, advised that the Planning Commission recommended denial of this petition for the following reasons: (1) C-2 Commercial Zoning

of this property would not be compatible with the location of the Pierce County Hospital in the adjacent block to the north; (2) This property is one of the few remaining public land ownerships in a central location in the City. It is adjacent to an existing public use and should be preserved for future public use as the need arises; (3) If this property is built up with business enterprises, it would be difficult to revert to public use when needed; and (4) The Planning Commission found no evidence of a mistake in the original zoning nor change of conditions in the neighborhood which would warrant the zoning change. Mr. Buehler advised that this petition was denied at the Commission's meeting on December 17; that the petitioner was notified of this action and that an appeal must be filed with the City Clerk within fourteen days of the Commission's action. He added that no appeal has been filed to date. No one appeared in favor of the rezoning, therefore, it was moved by Dr. Humiston to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the petition for rezoning. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

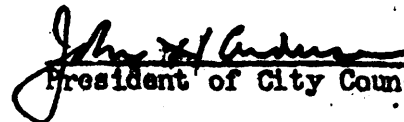
COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

X Mr. Rowlands advised that a time should be set for a meeting with the School Board and suggested that the meeting be held Thursday, January 9th at noon.

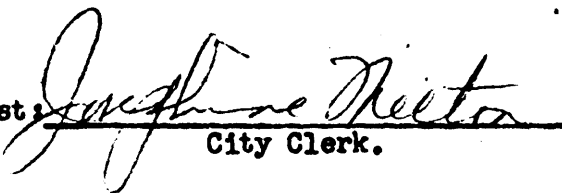
Y Mr. Tollefson advised that he had the Attorney prepare a resolution abolishing the Public Utility Board and providing for the appointment of the Director of Utilities by the City Council. He added that this Resolution is submitted to Council for their study and is to be placed on the Agenda for next Monday's meeting.

Z Mayor Anderson advised that a letter had been received, signed by E. K. Murray, C.A. Erdahl, R. L. Clevenger, Jr. Daniel E. Newhouse, George A. Gentes and Walter S. Gordon, requesting an opportunity to be heard before adoption of any Resolution relating to the Utility Board.

Council then adjourned at 10:35 P. M.


President of City Council.

Attest:


City Clerk.