

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, March 7, 1960

The City Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Porter. Mr. Porter coming in at 4:35 P.M.

Mr. Perdue moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 29, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Presentation of suggestion awards to Basil McMeel and John F. Malik from the Public Works Department.

Mr. Rowlands presented Mr. Basil McMeel an award of \$20.00 for designing a deflector that prevents scrap iron from catching in the tracks of the City dump caterpillar and damaging the controls. This is expected to save the City approximately \$200 annually, he added.

John Malik was also presented with an award of \$20.00 for designing an adjustable set screw that has stopped the repeated loss of an expensive part of a loader. This suggestion is expected to save the City some \$200.

Mr. Rowlands explained these awards are a result of the program approved by the City Council whereby employees are encouraged to offer their ideas and suggestions.

Mr. McMeel and Mr. Malik were both congratulated by Mr. Rowlands and Mayor Hanson for their suggestions.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the proposed amendment to the Major Street Plan of the City of Tacoma in the vicinity of South 28th Street extended.

Mr. Rowlands said this proposed amendment has been approved by the Planning Commission; which will allow an entrance from the south lot of the new Baseball Park directly on to Bantz Blvd.

The Planning Commission also made several suggestions which are outlined in the report as follows:

1. There will be a roadway connecting the north lot and the south parking lot of the Baseball Park thus providing a second entrance-exit to the south lot. Since Bantz Blvd. is a limited access facility no more than one connection should be permitted to it. In the future a road could also be constructed from Mason Avenue to this parking lot.
2. Proper channelization for the connection as laid out by the Traffic Engineer is shown on the diagram attached. This will be installed if needed.
3. When Bantz Blvd. becomes a state highway, this access point will be terminated by construction of the interchange with Center Street. Access to the ball park will then be provided as part of the interchange system.

The proper notice of the hearing has been given and no one appeared to object to the proposed amendment.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the proper Ordinance be drawn providing for the amendment to the Major Street Plan. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Mayor Hanson requested the order of business be reversed in order to discuss MC-295 in reference to L I D Assessments for playground owned by the Optimists Club of West Tacoma, and, he said Mr. Waldo Stone and Mr. Wilfred Brown were present to discuss this matter with the City Council. 28

Dr. Humiston moved to reverse the order of business to consider MC-295 at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Voice vote was taken on the motion resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Mr. Porter coming in at this time.

Mr. Waldo Stone, Lieutenant Governor of District 32 of Optimists- International, said, in June of 1957 the Optimists Club of West Tacoma acquired nine lots in the area of North 13th and North 15th Streets, James and Harmon Streets, and have developed the property to a degree that there is a grass playfield. However, there are certain assessments against this property due to eight L. I. D.'s being established since 1949. In 1958 the City pursuant to a local improvement district foreclosure proceedings acquired title to five of these lots as trustee for the various local improvement districts.

To date the Optimists Club has been able to raise funds with which to improve the property, but has not been able to raise sufficient funds to pay the L. I. D. assessments. Four of the lots will be up for public sale on March 14, 1960 to satisfy the delinquent assessments; and the Optimists Club has asked if the City would accept title to these lots in addition to the five already held in trust by the L. I. D. Guaranty Fund and assume payment of the assessments.

Mr. Stone said, the City Attorney's office has worked out a method in regard to how this might be accomplished to assist the Optimists Club. The specific proposition is that the Optimists Club deed their interest in the property to the City of Tacoma with the thought that the property might be maintained as a playfield rather than sold at a public auction, which is done if assessments become delinquent. This group has spent approximately \$3,000 for improvements to this area and are prepared to proceed with making improvements and to continue their long range program of developing this playground area.

Mr. Rowlands said on February 11th the Park Board took action more or less supporting the idea of a playground at this locality. A letter from the Park Board indicated that the nearest playground in this area is the Jane Clark Playground at No. 39th and Ferdinand, approximately four or five miles from No. 13th and James.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Park Board, said the Park District would be very happy to maintain this area as a playground as it is definitely needed in this area. It is hoped the Council sees fit to keep it as a playground.

Mr. Rowlands said if this meets with the approval of the City Council, the City could accept a quit claim deed to these lots and pay the judgment amount of \$1,868.95 to the Guaranty Fund out of the City Property Assessment and Redemption Fund prior to March 14th. According to Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director, there is some \$21,000 in the City Property Assessment Fund. Marshall McCormick, City Attorney, has looked into the matter carefully and it is his opinion the money can be used for this purpose. It has also been suggested that the \$1,868.95 be paid off this year and the balance could be budgeted in 1961. This money will not be coming out of the General Fund, he added.

Mr. McCormick explained that according to State Law the City Property Assessment and Redemption Fund can be used for payment of assessments which are assessed on City owned properties. In order to use this fund the Optimists Club must deed all of their rights on this property to the City.

The Guaranty Fund now owns five of the nine lots as a result of foreclosure proceedings. There is also a thirty-two foot strip that is free and clear of all assessments. The five lots owned by the Guaranty Fund could be purchased by the City out of funds budgeted in 1961.

He said it was his understanding the Optimists Club is going to deed the entire nine lots to the City, including this 32 foot strip. The City would then be the owner of the complete tract and if desired later to dispose of the property for recreational purposes as far as the Park Board is concerned, it could be done.

Since the public sale on the four lots will be held on March 14th, the Council will have to take some action in regard to this today. The sum of \$1,868.95 is required to satisfy judgment and delinquent installments for the year of 1959.

Dr. Humiston asked what the total cost of this project would be.

Mr. Rowlands said the total L. I. D. Assessments still owing against the property amounts to \$11,055.56. This includes the \$6,393.31 picked up by the Guaranty Fund on the five lots already acquired. If the City authorizes the payment of \$1,868.95 there will be a balance of \$9,483.90.

Mr. Easterday remarked that he felt the Council should avail themselves of this opportunity to aid the recreational program.

Mr. McCormick said he had prepared a Resolution in the event the Council desired to take action on this today.

Dr. Humiston moved that the rules be suspended to take up Resolution No. 16049: Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16049:

BY HANSON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to accept the conveyance and deed from the Optimists Club for a portion of the property lying between North 18th Street, North 15th Street, James Street and Harmon Street, and authorizing the payment of the approximate sum of \$1,868.95 from the City Property Assessment Fund for payment of the L I D Assessments.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Coering asked Mr. Stone for what kind of recreation would the area be used. The only recreation mentioned was baseball.

Mr. Stone said all types of athletics are planned: wading pools, swings, baseball, etc. Once this situation is clarified here today, donations of swings and other equipment can be expected. Also when a Club House can be realized it will be possible to include other activities. The Optimists Club has been in contact with the Boys Club of American, the Y. M. C. A. and various other groups in the planning of the area besides hiring an architect.

Mr. Tom Lantz, Superintendent of Recreation, added that he has been interested in this project since 1957. It was he who suggested to the Optimists Club that they hire a local architect. Mr. Robert B. Price was then employed and worked very closely with Mr. Lantz in planning the recreation area. He assured the Council this playground will be for the preschool child as well as for the elementary age child.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Stone and the members of the Optimists Club for taking the lead in providing these facilities.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

Resolution No. 16043:

BY PRICE:

Fixing Tuesday, April 12, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4666 for storm sewers and street lights on various streets in the vicinity of So. 78th and Alaska, and repealing Resolution No. 16030. 13
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It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16044:

BY ANDERSON:

Fixing Monday, April 4, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property on that portion of 49th Avenue N.E. near 29th Street N.E. (Lloyd A. Beeler) 69

It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16045:

BY PERDUE:

Fixing Monday, April 4, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of property on So. Fife from the N. P. Railway south of So. Fife to South Tacoma Way. (Tacoma Milk Producers Association) 69

It was moved by Mr. Perdue that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16046:

BY PRICE:

Appropriating the sum of \$753.48 or so much as may be necessary from the Equipment Purchase and Replacement Account of the Equipment Rental Fund for the purpose of purchasing (1) gasoline engine driven combination welder-power plant, electric starting - for the Public Works Department.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Rowlands said the old equipment which was mounted on a 1929 truck was sold last year for \$585.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16047:

BY HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to expend out of the 1960 budget \$1,500.00 for the purpose of expenditures which will or have been incurred in reference to the Sister City.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Bratrud said he was quite impressed by the pictures which were being displayed for the Kokura Fair and felt arrangements should be made for their return to Tacoma after the Fair so they can be displayed here.

Dr. Humiston said the agreement with Kokura is that everything that is sent to the Fair in the way of exhibits will be returned to Tacoma. Then the articles not privately owned belong to the City and can be displayed if so desired.

Mr. Anderson said it should be mentioned that this is not the total cost of the Fair as far as the City's exhibits are concerned. Many donations were received from private individuals.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16048:

BY PERDUE:

Designating Mr. and Mrs. Kenn E. Johnson as the official representatives of the City of Tacoma to represent the City in all matters concerning the City in connection with the Kokura Industrial Fair held in Japan from March 20, 1960 through May 22, 1960.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Dr. Humiston explained that on March 19th, a celebration will be held in Kokura in connection with the Kokura Industrial Fair and it has been requested that Tacoma officially designate a representative to make a few remarks and to represent the City in all matters concerning the Sister City Program.

Mr. Kenn Johnson, the exhibit planner for the Washington State Historical Museum has been donating his time to gathering exhibits for the Fair and will be in Kokura at this time. Private subscriptions and not City funds are used for the expense of sending Mr. Johnson to Kokura.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16533

Amending Sec. 13.06.040 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new Sec. 13.06.050 (3) to include the north side of 6th Avenue between Verde and Cheyenne Streets, in an "R-3" Two-Family Dwelling District. (Lasswell Petition) Read by title. 50:471
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Mr. Rowlands said the principle reason the Planning Commission recommended the reclassification of this property was that it should help stabilize land values by providing a transition in residential land use intensity along a major city arterial adjoining a commercial district.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16526:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 1969 for sanitary sewers in Pearl from So. 8th to 18th; Woodlawn from So. 11th to So. 13th; So. 17th to So. 19th and in So. 13th and 17th from Pearl to Woodlawn. Read by title and passed. 50:457

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16527:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4445 for grading and paving of the alley between No. 22nd and No. 24th from Warner to Puget Sound Avenue. Read by title and passed. 50:445

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

Ordinance No. 16528:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4655 for paving curbs and gutters between Mullen and Cove from No. 46th to No. 48th; Washington and Union from No. 33rd to No. 34th; No. 36th and No. 37th from Monroe to Mason; Pine and Anderson from So. 8th to So. 10th; No. 26th and 27th from Proctor to Adams; I and J from 6th Avenue to So. 5th Streets. Read by title and passed. 50:445

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16529:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4656 for paving of the alley between Fawcett Avenue and So. D from So. 36th to So. 37th Streets. Read by title and passed. 50:446

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

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Ordinance No. 16530:

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 Approving and confirming the Assessment roll for L I D 5308 for cast iron water mains in Alaska from So. 58th to So. 64th; Sheridan from So. 56th to 58th; So. 58th from Sheridan to Alaska and So. 57th from Sheridan to Asotin. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16531:

Providing for the construction of L I D 5313 for cast iron water mains in East 3rd from East "E" to East "F" and in East "F" from East 3rd to East 5th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16532:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5316 for the construction of water mains in the area bounded by Alaska Street, So. 88th, Park Avenue and So. 96th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System for the month of February.

Report from the Tacoma Municipal Court for the month of February.

Annual financial report from the Light and Water Division.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands announced that the Legislative Committee on Natural Resources is going to conduct a public hearing on the Air Pollution problem, Friday, March 11th in the Council Chambers at 10:00 A.M. He said many local people feel that instead of having the State control this problem, it should be worked out on a local basis.

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 Mr. Rowlands distributed copies of a letter from the F. A. A, regarding the City's request for Federal Aid for Tacoma's Airport. The letter states the City's request has not been considered for inclusion in the approved Fiscal year 1961 Program for the reason the airspace problem has not yet been resolved.

Mr. Rowlands said it is his understanding there is still some discretionary funds available, but everything rests on the decision of a site which is slow in coming.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Ben Houston
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Joseph Melton
City Clerk