

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.  
Monday, March 30, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson.

Mr. Anderson moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date to which the hearing was postponed on the appeal of Harold E. Wagner, et al for the reclassification of property at 6th and Huson Streets to be rezoned from an R-3 District to a R-4 District.

Mr. Russ Beuhler, Planning Director explained that the applicants' original petition was for a rezoning of an area from an "R-2" one-family dwelling district to a "C-2" Commercial District. This application was denied by the Planning Commission and by the City Council. At the same time the applicant's property and the rest of the block on both sides of 6th Avenue between Huson and Orchard Streets was rezoned to an "R-3" Two-Family Dwelling District. Despite the rezoning to a Two-Family District the applicant constructed a Four-Family Dwelling, apparently with the hope that further rezoning could be obtained. While an attempt was made to stop this construction, it was found that the zoning ordinance was defective in that it prevented illegal use but did not prevent construction which was intended for illegal use. This defect was later remedied by an amendment to the Ordinance. In the meantime the building in question was completed but occupancy of only two of the four dwelling units has been permitted.

Mr. Rowlands asked at what point in the construction of the building did Mr. Wagner know he was in violation as to the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Buehler said that Mr. Wagner was fully aware he was in violation of the zoning ordinance as his original request had been made for a C-2 District which had been denied by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Easterday asked Mr. Wagner what prompted him to build a four-plex and believe it could be rezoned.

Mr. Wagner said he thought 6th Avenue would warrant such a building and he believed that 6th Avenue should be rezoned to a higher zone. He explained at the present time there are four-plexes existing in many of the residential areas.

Mr. Buehler explained that Mr. Wagner did not have enough property to obtain a R-4-L classification which had been discussed with him. But, if he could purchase additional property to bring the total square footage up to 10,000 square feet, he thought they probably would be able to obtain an R-4-L classification, but it appeared that this would be impossible and also quite costly.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston that the Council support the position of the Planning Commission to deny the request of Mr. Wagner for reclassification of property at 6th and Huson from an R-3 to a R-4 District. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 2, Price and Mayor Hanson; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Petition from the Commercial & Industrial Development Corporation requesting the reclassification of property located at the south west corner of So. 15th and Sprague Avenue from an R-2 District to a R-4-L District.

Referred to the Planning Department.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Shelton, Secretary & Business Manager of the Tacoma Public Schools requesting that the filing fee of \$100.00 be waived in connection with their petition which they presented for the vacation of certain streets at the new South Tacoma High School.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the \$100.00 filing fee be waived. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15696

MR. HANSON:

Fixing Tuesday, April 28, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D for the installation of modern street lighting on existing wooden poles on So. 17th from Pine to Prospect; Five from So. 12th to So. 15th and from So. 17th to So. 19th; Six from So. 12th to So. 17th; Pine from So. 15th to 120 feet north of So. 17th St.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Price.

Adopted on roll call March 30, 1959  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15697

MR. BEATRUD:

Fixing Tuesday, April 28, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D for cast iron water mains in Alaska Street from So. 58th to 60th and from Wapato Lake Drive to So. 64th; in Sheridan Ave. from So. 56th to 58th; in So. 57th from Sheridan to Asotin and in So. 58th from Sheridan to Alaska Street.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call March 30, 1959  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15698

MR. HANSON:

Awarding contract to Harrison Brothers Company on their bid of \$4,392.05 for

the construction of L I D 2291, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson

Adopted on roll call March 30, 1959  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15699

BY BRATRUD:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to Mildred Dyckman, Loonam, Eileen Dyckman McMahon, and Douglas Dyckman and Marie Dyckman a quit claim deed for property located approx. 900' north of Browns Point Boulevard and west of Silver Bow Road, to clear their title.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud

Mr. Rowlands explained there had been a slight error made by the City in the issuance of the deed and this Resolution merely corrects this situation.

Vote was then taken on the Resolution:

Adopted on roll call March 30, 1959  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15700

BY EASTERDAY:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Northern Pacific Railway Company providing for the sharing of the costs of a traffic signal on So. 74th Street.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud

Mr. Rowlands advised that this matter was brought to the Councils' attention approximately two years ago, and in checking with different cities in the State, it was found that this fifty-fifty charge was equitable. He added that the installation charge would be around \$6200, and that the City has budgeted approximately \$3000 for this item. It was agreed that the Railroad Company will maintain this crossing after the installation of the signal.

Vote was then taken on the Resolution.

Adopted on roll call March 30, 1959  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15701

BY GOERING:

Authorizing and directing the Director of Utilities to cancel the option relating to the purchase of power from P. U. D. No. 2 of Grant County, previously

authorized by Resolution No. 15370.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Dr. Humiston asked Mr. Barline what the deadline would be to notify Grant County P. U. D.

Mr. Barline advised at this time they were actually preparing the contracts to be signed, and that the bids for financing will come up for award the last week in April.

Mr. Homer King, businessman, said that he thought the Council should seriously consider the cancellation of this option as power is very important to this City; and he said that our power should come from more than one source. He said he had obtained quotes from the Engineers of the State and from the University of Washington as to the cost of this power, and he was advised that it would be approximately 2 mills per kilowatt. He said that the Council should seriously consider all the facts before acting on this Resolution.

Mr. King asked if Seattle was going to purchase power from the Grant County P. U. D.

Mr. Barline advised that Seattle had relinquished their option to buy this power as they felt the cost was too high. Mr. Barline said the City Light's estimates placed the cost at more than 4 mills, not counting transmission expense. He said it appeared that Wanapum power would be more costly and less desirable than power from the City's proposed Mayfield Dam.

Mr. Barline also advised that at the time the option was signed for 8% of the power from the Priest Rapids Dam, they were given the option to purchase 8% of the power from the Wanapum Dam, but they did not accept the offer for the Wanapum power.

Mr. Barline added that they were trying to buy power to service the City as cheaply as possible.

Vote was then taken on the Resolution.

Adopted on roll call March 30, 1959  
Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15702

BY REQUEST OF CLARA GOERING:

Amending the Rules for the government of the City Council in reference to changing the Council meeting time from 4:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. 48  
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According to the rules of the City Council, this Resolution was set over for adoption until April 6, 1959

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16319

Repealing Ordinance No. 15930 entitle "License Deposits Fund." Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands advised that this Ordinance will save one step, that instead of placing the money in the License Department Fund, and then transferring it to the General Fund, the money will be placed directly in the General Fund. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16321

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to purchase or proceed by eminent domain for the acquisition of certain land abutting the Eatonville-Alder Farm to Marke Road, necessary for the construction, repairing and stabilizing of a portion of said road. - Second Nisqually Power Development Project. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16322

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by deleting certain described property from Sec. 13.06.040 by adding a new section to be known as Sec. 13.06.120 (9) - property located at So. 30th and Orchard Street. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16323

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code relating to zoning by deleting certain described property from Section 13.06.065 and by adding a new section to be known as Section 13.06.130 (7) - property located on the northwest corner of South D and South 71st Street extended. Read by title.

Mr. Buehler explained that at the time of the hearing a petition opposing the rezoning had been filed with forty-one signatures which were checked, and it was found that thirty-six of these were legal property owners in the area. The Planning Commission overruled these objections and recommended that the area be rezoned.

Mrs. Chester Royce of 7020 South D advised that her home is across the street from the proposed Bowling Alley and when they built their home they understood it was strictly a residential area. She said she felt this was not the proper area for a bowling alley. South 72nd Street would be a main arterial leading to the Freeway and the bowling alley will not have an entrance from 72nd Street; but the only entrance will be on So. D Street which would cause quite a traffic problem on 72nd Street.

Mr. Buehler explained that the petitioners have been negotiating with King's Drive-in and Albertson's Food Store in an effort to have access over their property for entrances to the bowling alley, which would actually be a portion of "C" Street. He said they were endeavoring to limit the access on D Street to only one entrance.

Mrs. Goering asked "why would they allow a bowling alley in the area when they would not allow duplex homes to be built?"

Mr. Buehler explained that the zoning was changed in 1953 and prior to that time they were not allowed. He said he did not recall any applications to rezone the area for the construction of a duplex. If the bowling alley were built, they

ould have to put up a "screening" wall which will protect the neighboring residences from the glare of headlights.

Mrs. Royce asked that the Council members investigate the proposed site before the Ordinance is passed providing for this zoning. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16324

Amending Section 13.06 of the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by deleting certain described property from Section 13.06.040 and by adding a new section to be known as Sec. 13.06.065 (3) - property located at the west side of South 66th and Sprague. Read by title.

Mr. Buehler explained this location is the site of the old "Free Methodist campground" and they have requested an R-4-L Zone which will permit the construction of a "Mobile Home" park. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16316

Amending (6) sections of the Official Code of the City relating to the Pay and Compensation Plan for Overtime, Temporary employment salary, Holidays, Sick Allowance with pay and setting up Classifications for Machine Operators and Illuminating Engineers. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained there was an amendment made on Page 2, the 8, 9, & 10 lines in paragraph "D" which provides that temporary employees who have been in a paid status for at least 180 days in the calendar year, preceding the calendar year in which the holiday occurs, and if they are working either the day before or the day after the holiday, they shall be paid for the holiday.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that Sec. 2. "D", the 8th, 9th, & 10th lines be amended to read "That employees on temporary appointments, who have been in a paid status in excess of 180 days in the calendar year, preceeding the calendar year in which the holiday occurs, shall be entitle to holidays with pay during such.." Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Vote was taken on the amendment: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Roll was then called on the Ordinance as amended:

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16317

Amending (6) sections of the Official Code of the City of Tacoma relating to salaries. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16318

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2299 for concrete sidewalks on the north side of East 59th from I Street to J and on both sides of East 59th from J to K Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16320

Amending Section 11.38.090 of the Official Code of the City relating to traffic signals. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said that this Ordinance is the result of the recent law passed by the State Legislature which permits right turns after stopping for a red light, and which also permits in certain instances, left turns onto one-way streets. He added that there are five or six dangerous intersections in the City being investigated by Mr. Kosai, City Engineer, where "no turning on the red light" signs will be posted.

Roll was then taken on the Ordinance.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment rolls for the cost of the improvements in the following Local Improvement Districts:

L I D 4633: Asphalt paving and widening, concrete curbs and gutters and storm drainage, also replacement of sanitary sewers on No. 21st from Proctor to Alder Streets.

L I D 4638: Asphalt pavement, concrete curbs and gutters and storm drainage on Junett from So. 13th to Melrose, No. 17th from Lenore Drive to Mildred; So. 10th from Mac Arthur west, Howard, Rochester and Hawthorne Sts. from 6th Avenue north and No. 22nd from Monroe to Proctor.

L I D 4623: Asphalt paving, concrete curbs and gutters and storm drainage in the area bounded by South 39th; South 46th, Pacific Avenue and South M Street.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Anderson that May 12, 1959 be fixed as the date for hearing on the Assessment rolls for L I D 4633, L I D 4638 and L I D 4623. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

MC - 255 - Fifth Progress report on Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Rowlands advised that this report is presented approximately every five or six weeks to keep the Council up to date on the Capital Improvement program. In reference to the airport discussion, he said a letter was received from James C. Buckley, Inc. this A.M. advising them of the progress on the airport. Mr. Buckley advised that the Federal Aviation Agency will probably recommend that the runway be

igned as close to true north-south as possible and that if it could include an alignment of 11 degrees as in the alternate study, it would probably increase the cost to \$400,000.00.

Mr. Rowlands stated that when he and Mayor Hanson were in Indianapolis this December, they had an opportunity to see this simulation work, and he said, it was easy to see why a possible realignment to 11 degrees was practical and feasible. He added that if the realignment is necessary it will entail an increase of the costs to \$400,000 and he said he hoped the Federal Government would be responsible for the cost up to one-half that amount.

Mr. Rowlands also added that both the Urban Renewal and the Airport Aid programs seem to be getting a kind reception by Congress and it is almost impossible to determine which bill will be going through Congress first.

- 256 - Disposition of the City Hall Bells

Mr. Rowlands advised that the Tacoma School District is interested in acquiring the old City Hall bells for use at the new Mt. Tahoma High School to be built in the north end, but he said, they were interested only in the bells and not the mechanism. He said they were planning to have the bells tolled electronically at the new High School.

Mr. Rowlands said that in talking with different groups, they suggested the bells be used as a memorial of some type, possible near the Fire Station at 9th & A Streets, in Fireman's Park, Point Defiance Park or some other place. He said they suggested that donations be obtained to make them into a memorial. Approximately a year ago, he said, the Council "left the door open" if the schools or some other group did not want the bells, that they could be used as a memorial.

Mr. Bratrud suggested that before giving the bells to the schools, we should wait and see if someone comes up with a better suggestion for their use.

Mr. Rowlands said the Schools would like to know within a month or six weeks as to their disposition.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Report from the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System for the Month of March, 1959.

Report from the Water Division for the month of February.

Report from the Belt Line Division for the month of February.

Mr. Rowlands explained that he would like to obtain the reaction of the Council regarding the garbage and refuse trucks. He said two or three months ago, it was pointed out to the Council how a savings could be affected by replacing some of the old worn out trucks which would involve about twenty or twenty-two trucks. He said that Mr. Bronow, Utility Supervisor, has checked into this matter and has recommended three types of bodies, which are nationally known: The Garwood, Leach and Heil, and possibly they would be considering one additional body.

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Mr. Rowlands said they feel there are additional type chassis on the market but felt it was unwise to prepare specifications which would permit any and all of these people to bid. They felt by having three or four well-known standard truck chassis available for bid, they would get good competition.

Mr. Brownow explained that their thinking on this matter is that these trucks will have to last approximately eight years at the minimum and they are trying to come up with the type of truck that some of the Council members will recognize - the tilt cab and a 6 cylinder engine. They feel this type of vehicle is the best to handle their work. He said there are only three manufacturers that make this type of vehicle and the competition is terrific; and there are perhaps twenty-five or thirty different types of garbage truck bodies available. The City has had the packer-type body for years and many cities are using this type now. He said they would like to stick with the old line bodies which they know have been successful.

Mr. Rowlands explained that before advertising for bids they wanted to advise the Council what is involved.

Mr. Schuster said they want to be in the position that when they take the low bid for these trucks they want to feel confident they will do the job. He said they made this analysis before hand and came up with this group and they feel that anything out of this group would be satisfactory.

Mr. Bronow pointed out that the maintenance on the vehicles now is \$135.00 per month per vehicle and the saving would be \$15.00 per month per vehicle.

Mr. Rowlands advised that he wanted the Council's approval to go ahead and advertise based on the information submitted.

Mayor Hanson said this sounded like a good approach to him and he said he knew they could get vast differences from various type bodies and also differences in price and then they would be in the province of having to say, "You are the low bidder but not the best one." and felt this a better way to handle it.

Mr. Rowlands requested that the Council members reserve April 10, 1959 for the Northwest City Managers Conference. He said they are holding it to coincide with the Daffodil Festival and asked that as many Council members attend as possible. He added that the dedication ceremonies for the new County-City Building will be Friday A. M. April 10 at 10:00 o'clock.

Mr. Rowlands explained that he had hoped at this time to advise the Council that all the money had been raised for the downtown parking and that the project was underway. Some \$670,000 has been committed by the property owners and retailers and possibly within the next week or two, an Eastern Financial firm will have made the final commitment, which will represent more or less a first mortgage on the building. Progress has been made by the retailers in getting this money together for the two projects.

Mr. Easterday asked why the two lots formerly used by the City for parking across from the old City Hall could not be used by the public. He said that the lots are locked and people have to park many blocks away in order to find parking spaces in the evenings.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the City was merely leasing these two lots from

Utilities Department and from a private citizen and it would be out of the City's jurisdiction to permit anyone to park there now. Possibly, he said, someone could lease or rent the property and use it for a parking lot.

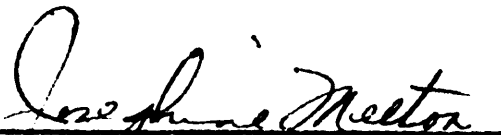
Mr. Rowlands advised that it was desirable for the Council and the Utilities Department to move slowly on the disposition of the site of the old City Hall and other property in the area, such as the parking lot and the Public Safety Building, inasmuch as they do not know what the long range program will be - whether there will be a connecting road, arterial road or a preferential road between A Street and Broadway. The actual grade between A Street and Broadway will only be from 8% to 10%.

Mr. Buehler advised that in the future they plan to use A Street and Pacific Avenue as one-way streets and as a couplet coming from the Freeway. He said the area adjacent to 7th and Pacific is becoming more of a bottleneck. Since the installation of the stop and go light by the Sperry Tunnel, there has been a great deal more traffic at this intersection coming from the north end and along the waterfront. He said no action should be taken to dispose of any property in this area until they have more information regarding the freeway, etc.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

  
President of the City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk