

Tuesday, February 23, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 7, Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 2; Jensen, Perdue.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Perdue.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13857.

By Battin:

Finding that the improvement of those sidewalks, curbs and driveways across sidewalks, together with the portions and parts thereof and appurtenances thereto as hereinafter described, by the construction, reconstruction or repair thereof as set forth herein is necessary, and further finding that the owner of each of the properties abutting thereon shall bear the entire cost of the improvement abutting his property other than the portions of cost hereinbelow indicated which the City shall bear. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call February 23, 1954.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Jensen, Perdue.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 14979

Appropriating the sum of \$529.55, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from Cumulative Reserve Fund- Capital Outlay, to pay the cost of purchase of furniture and equipment for the Police Court. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 14980.

Relating to the Municipal Water Supply System of the City of Tacoma; regulating the use of water therefrom; providing for the sale of same; fixing the price thereof; providing a method of collecting fees and charges therefor; providing penalties for violations of this ordinance and repealing Ordinances Nos. 12399, 12496, 12610, 12611, 13381, 13852 and 13715 and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 14982.

Providing for the improvement of Linden Lane and Locust Lane from 6th Avenue to South 12th Street by grading, oil mat and storm drainage; creating Local Improvement District No. 2166. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 14983.

Creating a City Planning Commission and prescribing its duties, authority and procedure; and repealing Ordinances No. 11200 and 14850. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 14981.

Amending Ordinance No. 14386 entitled: "An ordinance providing for the making of certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing electric generating plant and system of the City of Tacoma; specifying and adopting a plan and system proposed therefor; declaring the estimated cost thereof as near as may be; providing for the method of the financing thereof; and providing for the construction thereof." by amending Sections 3 and 4 thereof and adding a new section to be known as Section 6, and declaring an emergency making necessary the immediate passage of this ordinance and the taking effect thereof immediately after publication. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Hamiston to suspend Rule 9. Motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Perdue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date to which Council continued the hearing on the petition of Miller Construction Co. Inc., for vacating the westerly 10 feet of Skyline Drive adjoining Lot 1, Block K, Edw. P. Miller's Country Club Estates First Addition to Tacoma, the clerk read a request from the Director of Public Works, signed by E. C. Bashey, Office Engineer, requesting that Council action be delayed on this matter, in view of the fact that the appraisal report has been delayed for at least one week. It was moved by Mrs. Goering to continue the hearing for one week to March 1st. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Perdue.

A letter was read from the Public Utility Board, thanking Council for the expression of confidence given the Board at the Council meeting of February 15th, and stating that a motion was passed by the Board on February 19th that it be placed on record that its policies have not been determined by the Council or any other body. Placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor read letters from R. A. Mueller and A. H. Brouse, tendering their resignations as members of the City Planning Commission. It was moved by Col. Hooker that the resignations be accepted with regret and that the City Council go on record as thanking Mr. Mueller and Mr. Brouse for their many years of faithful service on the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Perdue.

City Manager Backstrom presented "C.M. Letter #28" regarding "Post Office Sites" to the Council and explained the letter in detail. Mr. Duncan of the Post Office Department was present and urged the Council to make a commitment at tonight's meeting that the successful bidder will receive a special permit to maintain and operate a postal distribution center, in order to beat the March 1st deadline. After discussion, Mr. Bratrud moved "That the City of Tacoma grant a special permit to the successful bidder on the proposed Post-Office Terminal Annex in the 38th Street District, with the understanding he will not remonstrate against a storm sewer Local Improvement District in this area". Motion seconded by Col. Hooker, and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Jensen, Perdue. Mayor Tollefson requested Mr. Backstrom to write a letter to the Post Office Department, notifying them of this action.

Mr. Tom Healy, Vice-President of the Mason Jr. High School Student Body, appeared before the City Council to ask that more recreational facilities be provided for teen-agers in the north-end district. He stated that the Metropolitan Park Board has changed their basketball and dancing program from Wednesday night to Friday night, which is not a satisfactory night for most of the students to attend this function.

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He asked that the Wednesday night social program be reinstated and that better supervision be provided during these periods. After a discussion by the Council, it was requested that the City Clerk write a letter to the Metropolitan Park Board, advising them of Mr. Healy's appearance at the Council meeting, requesting the reasons for the change of the day from Wednesday to Friday, and asking if it would be possible to return to the Wednesday night schedule, and urging that additional supervision be provided during all social functions.

Mr. Harry Pinch of the Circus Amusement Co., 1144 Pacific Avenue, called Council's attention to the discrepancy in the age requirements covering admission to Penny Arcades in the City of Tacoma. He stated that Section 16c of Ordinance No. 14892 provides that no person under the age of 18 years shall be permitted in any amusement arcade, while Section 17h of the same ordinance prohibits any person under 21 playing any amusement device. As an amusement arcade for the most part is made up of amusement devices, he felt these age limits should coincide, and he asked Council to give this matter serious consideration. Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Pinch to write a letter to City Manager Backstrom, making his request for changes in these sections of Ordinance 14892, after which Mr. Backstrom will make his report to the Council on the matter.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of the City Council

Attest:

Josephine Metten
City Clerk.