

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:35 P.M.
Monday, May 7, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 1, Stojack, taking his seat at 7:45 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mayor Tollefson, 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 carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

PETITIONS:

H. I. McCLELLAN, for license for Garage, Grade 2 at 1501 South K Street. The Building Inspector recommends the application be denied as the building does not comply with proper building ordinances. The City Manager concurs in the recommendation of the Building Inspector. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mrs. Goering to concur in the recommendation of the Building Inspector and City Manager. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

W. ROBERTS AND V. GARRETT: for license for Garage, Grade 1 (car washing) at 1839 East Fairbanks. The Building Inspector recommends the license be denied as the premises are not in the proper zone to permit this type of business. The City Manager concurs in the recommendation. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to concur in the recommendation of the Building Inspector and City Manager. Motion carried on roll call. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14625:

By GOERING:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract to Paine-Gallucci, Inc., for construction of sanitary sewers on Villard Street from North 9th Street to Dahl Drive on Orchard Street from North 9th Street to North 19th Street, (L I D 1952) on their low bid of \$15,978.03.

Adopted on roll call May 7, 1956
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14626:

By STOJACK:

Fixing Monday, the 4th day of June, 1956 as the date for hearing on petition to vacate South 18th Street from the east line of Durango Street to the west line of the alley right of way between South Durango Street and South Adams Street. (Petitioner - Victor Johnson, et al) 415

Adopted on roll call May 7, 1956
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14627:

By STOJACK:

Fixing Monday, June 4th, 1956 as the date for hearing on petition to vacate the south 54.09' of South 66th Street from the west line of South Tacoma Way 416

for a distance of approximately 100 feet west to the portion of the street vacated by Ordinance No. 14648. (Petition of August F. Gratzner, et al)

Adpoted on roll call May 7, 1956
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14628:

By STOJACK:

Fixing Monday, June 4th, 1956 as the date for hearing on the petition to vacate South Pierce Street from the south line of South 11th Street to the north line of South 12th Street. (Petition Mrs. Inga Johnson, et al.)

Adopted on roll call May 7, 1956
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Stojack, Hooker (temporarily)

Resolution No. 14629:

By TOLLEFSON:

Authorizing Clarence M. Boyle, temporary City Manager to attend the annual convention of the Association of Washington Cities to be held in Yakima, Washington on May 10 and 11th, 1956, and designating and appointing Stanley Bixel, Director of Personnel as Acting City Manager during said period.

Adopted on roll call May 7, 1956
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Stojack, Hooker (temporarily)

Resolution No. 14630: L I D 4580: X

By GOERING:

Stating intention of Council to order installation of asphaltic concrete pavement, cement concrete curbs and gutters and house connections to sanitary sewers on Hawthorne Street from North 11th to Lenore Drive, Rose Lane from North 11th to North 13th, Lenore Drive from North 11th to North 17th, Bridgeview Drive from Skyline Drive to North 17th, Heatherwood East from North 13th to Bridgeview Drive, Heatherwood West from North 13th to Bridgeview Drive, Heatherwood Circle and North 13th Streets from Hawthorne Street to Skyline Drive - L I D 4580, and date of hearing is June 5, 1956.

Adopted on roll call May 7, 1956
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Stojack, and Hooker (temporarily)

ORDINANCES, FIRST READING ONLY:

Ordinance No. 15607:

Providing for the establishment of regular hours for the office of the Mayor at the City Hall; establishing and increasing the salary of said Mayor; and providing for the personnel to operate said office. Read by title. Mr. Perdue moved to amend the ordinance by changing Section 3, line 5, change \$7,200.00 to read \$4,000.00, also to delete Section 4 and substitute these words; "That the Mayor shall have the right to appoint a confidential secretary, and the said confidential secretary shall be paid the salary set forth in the salary ordinance covering said position." Motion seconded by Dr. Battin.

Mr. Perdue stated that the present Ordinance (as amended by Mr. Bratruds' motion hereinafter referred to) would pay the Mayor \$8,400.00 per year, which in his opinion is far too high.

Dr. Humiston read for Council's information a listing of the salary ranges being paid in different cities that have the Council Manager form of City Government and stated that the highest salary is \$7,500.00 per year.

Mrs. Goering said she felt the \$7,200.00 proposed salary is completely out of line, and also that the appointment of a confidential secretary would be sufficient.

It was informally agreed by the members of the Council that the secretary would serve as the secretary to the Council as well as the Mayor.

Mayor Tollefson stated that the employment of a confidential secretary is necessary and would be used by all the members of the Council. As it is now, work is being done in both the City Clerks, and the City Managers' Offices. The Council would feel more at ease by asking the confidential secretary to write letters for them, and take care of other matters that otherwise might be left undone, if one person were assigned solely to this office, and that they be available at any time, he added. He also stated that possibly this phase of the ordinance could be deleted and presented again at a later date.

Dr. Battin agreed with Mayor Tollefson that it could be deleted now and presented later on.

Dr. Humiston remarked he felt the job required a certain amount of time to do the work successfully, and he was in favor of changing Section 2 to require an average time for the Mayor to spend on the job.

Mrs. Goering said that it takes quite a while to educate the people to the fact that all Council members would be willing to help with their problems as well as the Official Head of the City.

Mr. Bratrud said that he still feels that \$7,200.00 is too high and wished at this time to amend the motion by changing \$7,200.00 to \$4,800, plus the \$1,200.00 the Mayor receives for being a Councilman, therefore, he moved to amend Mr. Perdue's motion by changing Section 3, line 5 to read \$4,800.00 per year. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen.

The question was raised as to what the intent was of the Freeholders who drew the present Charter, as to the duties of the Mayor. Dr. Battin answered that the intent was that the Mayor should be the ceremonial head of the City, and that the Manager should bear the actual brunt of the job.

At this time vote was taken on the amendment to Mr. Perdue's motion, (to change the salary of the Mayor from \$7,200.00 to \$4,800.00, plus the regular Councilman pay). Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

At the request of Mayor Tollefson, Mr. Perdue moved to amend his motion by deleting Section 4 of the Ordinance. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

After further discussion, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud to amend Section 2 to read as follows: "The Mayor shall devote an average of not less than 20 hours a week in the performance of his duties as Mayor." Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Vote was then taken on Mr. Perdue's original motion, as amended, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15609: L I D 4601

Providing for grading and constructing asphaltic concrete surface on North Warner from North 18th Street to North 19th Street; creating L I D 4601. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15610: L I D 2241;

Providing for grading, graveling and oil mat surfacing on Stevens Street from Mason Avenue from the north line of Puget Sound 1st Addition to the south line of same; concrete sidewalks on Stevens Street and the west side only of Mason Avenue, in the above area; creating L I D 2241. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15611: L I D 4543

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 4543. (Asphaltic paving, concrete curb and gutter and storm sewer on Huson Drive from Moorlands Drive to South 16th Street). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15612: L I D 4547.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 4547. (Asphaltic paving, curbs and gutters etc., on streets in Westmoreland Terrace Addition, except North Shirley Street and Orchard Street). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15613: L I D 2163

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 2163. (grading and oil mat on alley between McArthur and Meyers Streets from South 8th to South 10th Streets.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15614: L I D 1847

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of the improvement in L I D 1847 - constructing combined sewers on Shirley Street from North 29th Street to North 31st Street. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15615: L I D 2227

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 2227 - concrete sidewalks on South M Street from South 64th Street to South 68th Street, and South 68th Street from South L street to Sheridan Avenue.- Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15616: L I D 2228.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 2228. (concrete curb and gutter and sidewalks on A Street from South 68th Street to South 70th Street). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15617: L I D 2229

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 2229. (Oil mat surface, concrete sidewalks on South 53rd Street from Alaska Street to Wilkeson Street). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15618: L I D 4561

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 4561. (Grading, asphalt paving, concrete curb and gutter and storm sewer on North 7th Street from Union Avenue to Puget Sound Avenue.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15602:

Authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer the sum of \$5,092.00 from Salaries and Wages classification of the Library Fund as budgeted in the 1956 Budget, to the Maintenance and Operation Classification of the same Fund; and authorizing further transfer of \$828.00 from Salaries and Wages classification of said fund to Capital Outlay classification. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15603:

Amending Ordinance No. 14793 - Zoning Ordinance, by adding thereto two new sections - Section 8M and Section 5C. (Sec. 8M - C-1 District west of NW corner of South 72nd and Pacific - Petition of H. E. Cope, et al - 3-19-56) (Section 5C - R-3 District located to the south of the S E corner of South 40th and Pacific ³⁻¹⁹ Petition of Robert Johnston, et al - 4-2-56). Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15604:

Appropriating the sum of \$10,000 or so much thereof as may be needed from the Cumulative Reserve Fund, Streets and Bridges; and authorizing the expenditure thereof by the proper officers of the City of Tacoma for additional costs in the paving of Milwaukee Way Extension. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15605:

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in Superior Court under right of eminent domain, for condemnation of certain tracts of land for rights of way for street purposes, including the construction of traffic islands, acceleration and deceleration lands and on and off ramps, at the intersection of 11th Street and St. Paul Avenue, directing that compensation be payable from the City Street Fund. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15606:

Amending Section 21E of Ordinance No. 11314 entitled: "An ordinance to fix the price of and to regulate the use and manner and conditions of selling electric energy by the City of Tacoma, etc." (Schedule #E-2, Wholesale Power Rate-raising rates.) Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15608:

Creating in the treasury of the City of Tacoma a special fund to be known and designated as "Leased Transit System Revolving Fund" for providing for the collection and disbursement of the monies received from the contractual agreement between the City and the Tacoma Transit System; prescribing the purpose for which

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said fund shall be used; declaring a public emergency exists requiring the immediate passage of this ordinance and the taking effect thereof immediately after publication. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15591: (Laid over to this date on April 30, 1956)

Amending Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 31, 34 and 39 of Ordinance No. 15106 Pay or Compensation Plan for the Department of Public Utilities. Read by title. Mayor Tollefson reported this ordinance was held over one week at the request of Mr. Ketler of the Civil Service League in order to study the McKinsey Report, and therefore called on Mr. Ketler to speak.

Mr. Ketler stated that he appreciated the Council postponing the Ordinance for a week so that the Civil Service League could make a study of the McKinsey Report.

He advised that a meeting had been held with Mr. Barline, Mr. Bixel, Dr. Humiston, Mr. Coffee and himself, and they had gone over the McKinsey Report and after studying the report, he stated, the Civil Service League had no objections to this ordinance, but that the ordinance is not clearly defined as to which positions are under classified service or unclassified. He added that a study should be made whereby the Administrative Code or Civil Service Rules could be amended to take care of any similar situation that might come up in the future.

After a short discussion, it was decided that a committee, consisting of Mr. Barline, Mr. Bixel, Mr. Boyle and a committee of the Council, get together to work this out. Roll was called on Ordinance No. 15591, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 15592: (Laid over to this date on April 30, 1956)

Amending Ordinance No. 14887 - Administrative Code - by amending Sections 16, 23, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 41, 41A and 41C thereof and by adding thereto two new sections to be known as 35A and 35B. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15594: (Laid over to this date on April 23rd, 1956)

Amending Section 10 and Section 90 of Ordinance No. 15258 - Traffic Code - (pertaining to Funeral Processions - Section 10 - and Parade Regulations - Section 90) Mr. Boyle reported that the information requested by Council had not been obtained as yet, and requested the Ordinance be postponed for one week (May 14th), therefore it was moved by Mrs. Goering, seconded by Dr. Humiston to postpone Ordinance No. 15594 for one week, to May 14, 1956. Carried on roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Paul F. Salatino, submitting an appeal from the denial of his license by the City Council on April 23, 1956, and requesting a date be set for hearing before the City Council on said denial. Mr. Boyle stated that he had received an application for a Taxicab Location License, submitted by Mr. Salatino, which the Chief of Police and License Inspector recommends be denied, inasmuch as the Chief of Police and License Inspector have denied this license, he suggested that the hearing be held on both license denials at the same time, and therefore recommended that Mr. Salatino's request for an appeal on the denial of his Taxicab license be postponed for one week (to May 14, 1956). As a result of this recommendation, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to postpone action for one week (to May 14, 1956). Carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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The Director of Public Works presents the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 2240 - for grading and crushed rock surface and oil mat on Verde Street from South 12th Street to South 16th Street. Date of hearing, June 5, 1956. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen that June 5, 1956 be set as the date for hearing on the above assessment roll. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14589, adopted by the Council on April 9, 1956, for hearing on the petition of Metropolitan Park District, requesting the City of Tacoma to vacate South Mason Avenue from South 23rd Street to South 29th Street,, the Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. Also reported 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 objections to the proposed vacation, providing the proposed relocation right-of-way for street is decided as outlined in the vacation request. No remonstrators being present, it was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Battin that the petition be granted and the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance, vacating the street. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14590, adopted by the Council on April 9, 1956, for hearing on the petition of J. R. and Hazel Wiborg, requesting the City of Tacoma to vacate North Frace Street between North 46th Street and North 45th Street, lying between Block 2 and Tract B, also North Frace Street between North 45th Street and the south line of Wiborg's Narrows View Addition and lying between Block 3 and Tract C, all being within Wiborg's Narrows View Addition. The Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. Also reported that no remonstrances had been filed against said vacation, and that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioners. The Clerk also reported that the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Public Works have no objection to the granting of the vacation petition. No remonstrators being present, it was moved by Col. Hooker seconded by Dr. Battin that the petition be granted and the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance, vacating the street. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14594, adopted by the Council on April 9, 1956, for hearing on the petition of Fick Foundry Company, et al, requesting the City of Tacoma to vacate East 9th Street between the east line of East D Street and the west line of East E Street, and East 9th Street between the east line of East E Street and the west line of East F 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 and the Department of Public Works have no objection to the granting of the vacation petition. No remonstrators being present, it was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the petition be granted and the City attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance vacating the street. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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This being the date fixed by Resolutinn No. 14591, adopted by the Council on April 9, 1956, for hearing on the petition of Tacoma School District No. 10, for vacation of North Defiance Street and the alleys between North Visscher and North Defiance Streets, and North Defiance and North Bristol Streets from North 43rd Street to North 45th 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 petitioner, 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 has no objections to the vacation of the above streets and alleys. No remonstrators being present, it was

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moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that the petition be granted and the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance vacating the streets and alleys. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

¹⁰⁵ This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14592, adopted by the Council on April 9th, 1956, for hearing on the petition of Tacoma School District requesting the City of Tacoma to vacate South Cedar Street and ~~the alley between~~ South Cedar Street and South Alder Street from South 40th Street to South 43rd Street. The Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. The Clerk also reported that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioner and that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. Also that the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Public Works has no objections to the granting of said vacation. No remonstrators being present, it was moved by Dr. Humiston seconded by Dr. Battin that the petition be granted and the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance, vacating the said street and alleys. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14593, adopted by the Council on April 9th, 1956 for hearing on the petition of Tacoma Public Schools requesting the City of Tacoma to vacate South 86th Street from South Park Avenue to South Yakima Avenue, and the alley between South Park Avenue and South Yakima Avenue from South 86th Street to a point 125 feet south of the south line of South 86th Street. The Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. The Clerk also reported that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioner and that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. Also that the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Public Works has no objections to the granting of said vacation. No remonstrators being present, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that the petition be granted and the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance vacating the said street and alley. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14579, adopted by the City Council on March 26, 1956, for hearing on petition of Tribune Publishing Co., et al, for the vacation of Trafton and Steele from South 19th to South 23rd; South 21st from State to approximately 109' west of Steele; alley between Trafton and Steele from South 19th to South 23rd and alley between State and Trafton from South 23rd to approximately 265' North of South 21st, 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. The City Clerk also reported that the Planning Commission has recommended the vacation be denied.

Mayor Tollefson called on Mr. Jordan, Chairman of the Planning Commission, asking for the reason for the denial of the vacation.

Mr. Jordan, spoke and gave the reasons for the denial as follows: (1) No plans for use of the streets to be vacated were submitted by the petitioner; (2) The existing street pattern is designed for residential development; (3) The area in question has been consistently zoned residential from 1927 to the present time; and (4) Detailed study of the area resulted in the conclusion that nearly every factor affecting land use points toward continued residential or related development..

Mr. George Poe, of Poe and Company spoke in favor of granting the petition, and stated that the Tribune Publishing Company wished to double the height of the tower for Radio Station K.T.N.T. and, at a future date they would like to locate the Tribune Publishing Company in this area. He claimed the entire area would be benefited by the work to be done, but that no plans have actually been drawn to date for the construction of the new facilities.

Mr. Stojack, ex-officio member of the Planning Commission stated that the Tribune Publishing would not have to vacate the streets in order to put an extension on the K.T.N.T. Tower, it could be done by a "Special Permit Application" which can be obtained through the Planning Commission.

Several persons residing in the area were present and asked questions as to the vacation, also regarding the curbs and gutters that are to be installed on South 19th Street, as provided by the Bond Issue.

Mrs. Vernon Ader spoke against the vacation, and concluded that she wished her name withdrawn from the petition.

Mrs. E. C. Bitterling who also resides in the area also protested the vacation.

Mr. Jordan pointed out for Council's information that for vacating any property, plans would have to be submitted, and up to date the Tribune Publishing Company has not submitted any plans for the usage of the property.

Mr. Poe explained that there were no definite plans as yet as to what type or kind of building that will be constructed, and that it may take several years before the plans can be completed.

The Council discussed the vacation at length, and as a result, it was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Battin to table the petition of the Tribune Publishing Company for vacation of South Steele Street between the south side of South 19th Street and the north side of South 23rd Street, the alley between South Steele Street and South Trafton Street extending from the south side of South 19th Street to the north side of South 23rd Street, South Trafton Street between the south side of South 19th Street and the north side of South 23rd Street, South 21st Street between west side of South State Street and the Tribune Publishing Company owned portion of Allenmore Golf Course, and the alley between South Trafton Street and South State Street extending from the north lot line of Lot 17, Blocks 13 and 14, Hayden's Addition to the north boundary of South 23rd Street, be tabled. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 1, Stojack; Absent 0.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 10:55 PM.

W. M. Johnson
Mayor

Attest: Josephine Metton
City Clerk