

Council Chamber, 7:35 P. M.

Tuesday, September 3, 1957

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7; Battin, Bratrud, Humiston, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson. Mrs. Goering and Mr. Jensen taking their seats at 7:45 p. m. Absent 0.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Goering, Jensen.

PETITIONS:

Jack G. Baty, et al, for rezoning from an R-3 District to an R-4 District, property at the SE and SW corners of North 21st and Prospect Streets. Referred to the City Planning Commission. 406

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15095: x                      L I D 2284:

By Tollefson:

Fixing November 5, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 2284 - gravel and oil mat surface on Wapato Street from South 62nd Street to South 64th Street, together with a cement concrete sidewalk and necessary driveways on the west side of said street. 407

Adopted on roll call September 3, 1957  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Goering, Jensen.

Resolution No. 15096:

By Goering:

Authorizing proper officers to enter into an agreement with Robert D. Reed, Lois T. Reed and Clementine A. Hester for the concession at Lake Cushman at an annual rental of \$500.00 for a ten year period to 1967. (formerly leased to Leroy P. Burg).

Robert Garen from the Utilities Department advised Council members that the new lessees are from Redondo Beach, California. They talked to Mr. Bannon and other members of the Utility Staff, who were well impressed by them. The new operators have some good ideas for improving the resort, such as installation of trailer parks, swimming facilities for the children, etc., Mr. Garen stated. Their credit ratings have been checked and found to be good. Dr. Humiston said he felt the rental should be on a percentage basis for a lease running as long as ten years. Mr. Garen replied that the rental value had been appraised by Harold C. Starkey in 1956 and the rental of \$500.00 was established at that time as a reasonable figure. The lease contains a clause giving the City the right to terminate, and in the event of termination of the lease the lessee has the right to remove cabins, etc, which provisions do not make it particularly valuable

lease, Mr., Garen stated.

Adopted on roll call, September 3, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15097:

By Anderson:

Authorizing issuance of Local Improvement Assessment Deeds to Vernon W. and Joan E. Johnson covering north half of Lot 15, Block 30, Coulter's Addition, and to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, U. A. C., covering south half of said lot, upon payment of \$10.00 to clear titles. (located near the northeast intersection of South 8th Street and Puget Sound Avenue).

Adopted on roll call September 3, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15098:

By Battin:

Authorizing issuance of Local Improvement Assessment Deed to Ranny Gaschk and Ruth Gaschk, covering unimproved property located south of 3415 North Huson Street for \$10.00 in order to clear cloud on title. Adopted on roll call September 3, 1957.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

564 Resolution No. 15099 - Withdrawn at the request of Mayor Anderson, who advised Council that this resolution was not ready for consideration at this time.

Resolution No. 15100:

By Battin:

Declaring intent of City of Tacoma to participate on an equal basis with the State Highway Department to replace stairways on East 11th Street Bridge.

Mr. Rowlands advised Council that the State Highway Department has been putting in the new span on the 11th Street Bridge. There is an old wooden stairway which should be replaced by one of safe and sturdy construction, Mr. Rowlands stated. The City appropriated \$50,000 in April of 1956 to acquire right of way as its share of the cost of the new span, and actually \$44,000 was spent for this purpose, leaving a balance of \$6,000 which can be diverted to the City's portion of the cost of constructing a new stairway, he advised. They feel this is a reasonable proposition, as the bridge is used primarily by employees of plants nearby. Mr. Calkins, City Engineer reported that the cost of a concrete stairway on both sides was approximately \$10,000. Both steel and concrete were considered but it was found concrete was the cheaper, Mr. Calkins advised. A traffic count was made of the number of pedestrians using the stairways, which showed approximately 200 persons a day.

Adopted on roll call September 3, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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**Resolution No. 15093: (Laid over to this date on August 26, 1957)**

**By Anderson:**

Confirming appointment by Mayor of Eric O. Brown as a member of the City Planning Commission to fill unexpired term of David Hopkins, ending June 30, 1960.

Mr. Stojack asked Mayor Anderson if he had received any communications relative to this appointment. The Mayor replied that he had received one letter from the South Tacoma Business Club requesting him to appoint someone from the south end. Mayor Anderson said he had acknowledged this letter and had advised them he was appointing Eric O. Brown and gave them a list of his qualifications for the position. Mr. Stojack said the Club would like to have someone from South Tacoma named to the Planning Commission and that he did not feel the request should be ignored. He felt it was advantageous to have someone from the different areas of the City on this Commission. Mr. Stojack stated. Mayor Anderson pointed out that J. B. Feist, who was recently appointed, is from 38th Street district and lives in South Tacoma, and that Mr. Stojack also is from that part of the City, so he did not feel the South End was being neglected in the matter of representation on the Commission. Mr. Stojack asked how long Mr. Brown had lived in Tacoma, and the Mayor replied approximately two years. Mr. Stojack said he felt it was advantageous to have someone on the Commission who has been here for many years. Mayor Anderson said he believed that by the very nature of his business as Manager of the Telephone Company, Mr. Brown would know Tacoma better than a person who has lived here for many years, since he has under his supervision Exchanges in every part of the City. Mayor Anderson said he felt that Mr. Stojack's points are well taken, and he knew that he had the best interests of the whole city in mind. On the other hand, he also had the best interests of Tacoma at heart, Mayor Anderson said. Mrs. Goering said she did not believe the practice of appointing Board members on a district or area basis was practical or fair to the entire City. She pointed out that the Ward System for election of Council Members has been disapproved, and this idea comes very close to that system and would tend to encourage poor practices, and special privileges and therefore was a dangerous precedent to set. Mr. Jensen said South Tacoma represents a large industrial area, and business district with a high valuation and he did not blame them for wanting representation. After further discussion roll was called on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

**Adopted on roll call: September 3, 1957.**  
**Ayes 7; Nays 1, Stojack (Not Voting); Absent 1, Humiston (temporarily)**

**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 2231 - Grading to established subgrade and placing thereon a gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface on South 10th Street from Winifred Street to Bennett Street and on Shirley Street from So. 11th Street to South 9th Street.**

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47:364 L I D 2232: Cement concrete sidewalks on both sides of Shirley Street from South 11th to 9th; both sides of South 10th Street from Winifred to Shirley and the North side of South 10th Street from Shirley to Bennett.  
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47:423 L I D 2264: Reshaping roadway and two applications of MC-3 cutback asphalt and crushed rock on South Thompson Avenue from South 56th to South 59th Streets.  
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47:426 L I D 4580: Asphaltic paving and concrete curb and gutter and related work on all remaining streets in Edward P. Miller's Country Club Estates, 1st Addition.  
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47:451 L I D 4582: Grading, ballasting, asphalt paving, concrete curb and gutter and storm sewer on South Fife Street from South 17th to 19th.  
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103 L I D 4603: Asphalt paving, etc., on Cedar Street from North 29th to North 30th, on North 39th from Monroe to Tyler Street, on Shirley Street from North 26th Street to the north line of Nelson's Second Addition.  
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It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Battin, that October 15th, 1957 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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The matter of setting a date for Council discussion of the L I D Participation Program was brought up at this time. Mr. Rowlands advised that the necessary information was being compiled by the City Engineer and Public Works Staff, and they hoped to have it ready so it could be sent out to Council the end of this week, so a meeting can be held next week. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Jensen, that this discussion be held after the Council meeting next Manday, September 9th. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

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City Manager Rowlands presented the Proposed Preliminary Annual Budget for the year 1958 for General Government and the Public Utility Department, in the total amount of \$33,246,803.00.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that the first ten pages comprise the Manager's Budget message. This year he has included foot-notes throughout the Budget in order to tie in the comments more closely with the various Department Budgets, Mr. Rowlands advised. After looking over the Budget the Council should plan to meet once a week between now and October with the various Boards, such as Library, Park and Utility and set aside enough time to give their budgets consideration, Mr. Rowlands stated.

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Mr. Tollefson said he felt these discussions should properly take place in an open Council Meeting so the public could be present rather than at a private session. Dr. Humiston said he agreed with Mr. Tollefson on this point. Mr. Bratrud suggested that a definite time, such as 8:30 be set at the Council meetings to meet with the Board members, so these people would not have to sit around and wait until the Council concluded its regular business. This idea was agreeable with the other Council members, and it was decided

to devote three meetings beginning September 9th to this purpose. Mr. Rowlands was asked to make the necessary arrangements for these conferences.

ITEMS RECEIVED FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. X Report of Personnel Department for the month of July, 1957.
- b. X Belt Line Division, report for July, 1957.
- c. X Light Division, report for July, 1957.
- d. X Water Division, report for July, 1957.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER:

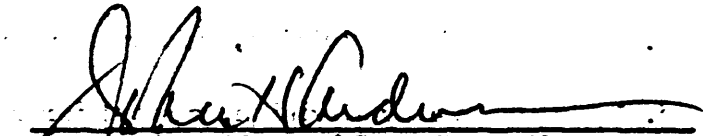
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Mr. Rowlands advised Council that because of a typographical error last week the interest rate in Resolution No. 15092 for L I D 4623 was stated as 4%. The original resolution and publication were changed to 5% to coincide with the new policy, and he was informing Council of this correction. Mr. Rowlands added. In reply to a question from Dr. Humiston as to whether the Resolution should be amended, Mr. McCormick advised that he did not believe this was necessary inasmuch as the original was corrected and the publication of the resolution shows 5%.

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X Mr. Rowlands advised the Council of a matter which has been brought to his attention by Councilman Stojack. A number of areas in the City have developed "Community Free Parking Lots" and a request has been made by Mr. Stojack for installation of directional signs showing free parking, Mr. Rowlands stated. This request has been taken up with the Public Works staff and Traffic Engineer, and it was felt has merit provided proper supervision is given and the signs are uniform and apply to any district in the City to cover community free parking lots with no advertising of any nature on the signs. A number of the Council members felt this was a good idea and would promote business within the City Limits. Mr. Stojack requested an amendment to the Sign Ordinance to cover the installation of directional signs pointing out Community Free Parking Lots.

X Mr. Bratrud asked Mayor Anderson what commitments were given on the Cowlitz at the recent meeting with the Game Commission in Yakima. Mayor Anderson replied that no commitments except those set forth in the Federal Power Commission permit were made. After the meeting he directed a letter to the Washington State Game Commission setting forth the City of Tacoma's proposition to protect the flow of Salmon on the Cowlitz, he stated. The outlook is much more favorable than it has been and Governor Rosellini is trying to help the City, Mayor Anderson said. He promised to have copies made for each Council

member of his letter to the State Game Commission and the reply received from Richard S. Seward, Chairman of the Commission.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 8:50, P.M.

  
President of City Council

Attest:   
Deputy City Clerk