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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:35 P. M.

Monday, January 11, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Bratrud, Coering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 1; Battin, taking his seat shortly hereafter.

It was moved by Col. Hooker 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. Jensen and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Regular order of business was suspended to give an audience to Gerrit VanderEnde, Chairman of the Utility Board, who wished to be heard on the 1954 Salary Ordinance (No. 14967) which is up for final reading at this meeting, and Council proceeded with consideration of

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 14967.

Relating to and establishing the positions of the various departments of the City government; fixing the compensation to be paid the officers and employes of said departments; repealing Ordinance No. 14681 and ordinances amendatory thereof; providing that the provisions of this ordinance shall become operative as of January 1, 1954; authorizing the preliminary negotiation of agreements between representatives of the employes of the Public Utilities Department and the City upon the basis that the salaries and wages of certain of said employes be paid at the rates specified in any such agreements consummated with the approval of the Council and be effective as of January 1, 1954; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and the taking effect of the same immediately after publication. Read by title.

Mr. VanderEnde explained Public Utility Board Res. No. U-54, requesting the Council to provide for certain additional positions in the Water Division and Light Division in addition to those provided for in the 1954 Budget, copies of which had been supplied each Council member. He also stated that 809 employees were on the Public Utility Dept. pay-roll as compared to 959 at the same time last year. This means they will have to operate under a very strict budget and, if any emergencies arise, they will have to submit an ordinance for additional help to Council for approval. The Utilities Personnel Department will submit a report to the Utility Board every two weeks, showing the number of persons currently employed by the Light, Water & Belt Line Divisions, he added.

City Attorney Boyle explained that the "Preliminary negotiation of Agreements" referred to in the title of the salary ordinance was mainly for the benefit of the Electrical Workers' Union, Local #483, as the agreement with this local expires on February 1st, 1954, while agreements with all other City personnel are effective as of January 1st. This situation was brought about by State Law and the wording in the title is necessary in order to continue negotiations with Local #483 until February 1st.

C. A. Erdahl, Director of Utilities, was asked how many employees had been hired by the Utilities Department under an entirely new classification since the 1954 Budget was adopted. He replied that four switchboard operators, 1 building maintenance supervisor, 2 building maintenance men, seven janitresses, seven janitors, two steam plant engineers, and two junior steam plant engineers were required for the operation of the new buildings at 35th and Union.

After further discussion, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that Ordinance No. 14967 be amended in accordance with letter from City Attorney Boyle, dated January 11th. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule and carried unanimously on voice vote. Roll was then called on passage of amended ordinance without its having been read in full, resulting as follows:

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

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that the City Clerk be instructed to file with the Salary ordinance as passed, a copy of letter to the City Council from Clarence M. Boyle, City Attorney, dated 1-11-54, and a copy of Res. U-54 of the Public Utility Board, requesting corrections and changes to be made in the salary ordinance. Carried unanimously.

Order of business reverted to

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMORIALS:

The City Clerk read a letter from Neige E. Diehl, requesting permission to speak before the Council on Ordinance No. 10883, Section I, which pertains in part to hypnotism. Diehl was present and requested the City Council to repeal the aforementioned ordinance in order to allow him to practice his art in this city. He said hypnosis could be used for entertainment purposes or as a cure of fears. The Council asked Mr. Diehl many questions and raised the point that any attempt to cure a person by hypnosis would be in violation of state laws on drugless healing, as Mr. Diehl has no medical degrees. After discussion by the Council, Col. Hooker moved that Mr. Diehl's request for modification of Ordinance No. 10883 be denied. Seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Mr. Diehl then requested that he be given permission to hold one demonstration or exhibit. Mayor Tollefson said that he would refer Mr. Diehl to City Manager Frenk Backstrom, and if Mr. Backstrom feels the request is warranted, he could grant the permission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13836.

PERDUE:

Approving recommendation of the Chief of Police and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for furnishing Police Uniforms and clothing for the Police Department immediately necessary and for the calendar year 1954, to the Fehheimer Bros. on their bid of \$18,017.00, which is considered to be the lowest and best bid in the interests of the City.

Mr. Morris Jaffe, representing Brodsky's Uniform Store in Tacoma, was present to protest the awarding of this contract. He claimed that the contract would be split as the materials and style would be the same no matter where they were purchased. Mr. Jaffe explained that his firm was \$5.00 lower than any other on the Reefer coats alone, and a saving of \$500.00 would be made to the city on this one item; that his bid was 80% lower on the Traffic breeches and \$1.00 lower on the Patrol trousers, making an additional saving of \$228.00, for a total of \$728.00 for all three items. Mr. Tollefson explained to Mr. Jaffe that it would be for the best interest of the City to have all the clothing come from one manufacturer, which would necessitate employees making only one stop for measurements. To which Mr. Jaffe replied that his firm could come directly to the Police Station to take measurements of the Policemen, and he could see no reason why the other firms could not do the same. After a short discussion it was moved by Dr. Humiston that Resolution be referred to Mr. Backstrom for further recommendation and study before action taken by the Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously on voice.

Resolution No. 13837.

PERDUE:

Authorizing and directing the City Manager to rent from the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, the parking lot owned by and formerly used by the said department situate on the south side of ~~South 7th Street~~ South 7th Street between Commerce Street and Broadway, together with the garage structures lying northerly of and immediately adjacent to the City Hall, for the sum of \$200.00 per month for both properties.

Carried on roll call January 11, 1954.

Ayes 5; Battin, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack; Nays 4; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Tollefson. Absent 0.

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Res. No. 13838.

BY JENSEN:

Authorizing the Department of Public Utilities to employ regular City Employees to perform work upon the days and during the hours that such employees are not required to work for the City in order to enable the Department to properly function and to transfer its activities to its new headquarters in the vicinity of South 35th and Union, from November 27, 1953 (overtime).

Adopted on roll call January 11, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 13834 (laid over to this date on Jan. 4th)

BY JENSEN:

Authorizing and directing payment to employees of Light Division, Department of Public Utilities, for vacation to which they were entitled during the year 1953 in the amounts set forth after the name of such employee, in order to prevent an injustice. It was moved by Dr. Battin to postpone action of Resolution No. 13834 for one week (1-18-54). Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously on voice vote.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 14966.

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute and deliver a supplemental agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company, its lessee, which agreement amends Section 8 of the agreement entered into pursuant to the authority of Ordinance No. 14875 of the City of Tacoma. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston 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 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 14968.

Authorizing the employment of the Public Administration Service of Chicago, Illinois, to supplement the work of the Personnel Department in reviewing the present classification plan, the making of a salary survey and to recommend rules and regulations for the administration, adoption and amendment of a position classification plan and a compensation plan; setting forth the conditions and terms of such employment; appropriating the sum of \$6000.00 from the General Fund for the payment of the cost thereof; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance, the appropriation herein authorized and the taking effect hereof immediately after publication. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried unanimously on voice vote. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance without same having been read in full, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Battin. Absent 0.

After the roll was called, City Attorney Boyle, asked to verify the result of the vote, and he advised that it must be a unanimous vote in order to pass this ordinance, as it provides for an emergency appropriation. Upon hearing this opinion, Dr. Battin requested his vote be changed to "Aye". This being agreeable to the other members of the Council, the Clerk changed the vote, and as a result, the ordinance passed: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Finance No. 14969.

Authorizing the making of alterations, repairs and improvements to the City Hall, necessary for the relocating of the departments within the City Government in their new quarters made available by the move of the Department of Public Utilities from the City Hall, and to pay the cost of such relocation; and appropriating the sum of \$6,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from Cumulative Reserve Fund A to pay the cost thereof. Carried by title. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, Seconded by Mr. Stojack, to suspend rule 9. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote. Roll was then called on the passage of the Finance without same having been read in full.

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

FINISHED BUSINESS:

The Clerk submitted a letter to the Council which was filed by Mitchell Parks, ¹⁷⁵ Realty Manager for Safeway Stores, Inc. in answer to the report filed by Mr. Wilcox, ¹⁷⁵ Chief Planner for the City, at the last Council meeting. Copies of Mr. Parks' letter were reported to have been mailed to each member of the Council, and Mayor Tollefson asked if Council members had received a copy, to which they answered in the affirmative. As several members of the Safeway Stores Inc. and the Chief Planner of the City of Tacoma were present on this matter, Mayor Tollefson explained that the City Council had not yet had an opportunity to meet to consider or discuss it, and that he had requested a meeting to be held before the next regular Council meeting, so that a decision on the appeal could be presented at that time.

M. E. Anderson, administrative assistant to the City Manager, reported on the proposed appeal to the Metropolitan Park Board, and stated that after discussing the matter with the Park Board, they had decided to borrow the necessary funds from moneys that had been committed to special projects, and as a result no money would have to be loaned by the City at this time.

M. E. Anderson also advised the Council that the necessary funds had been allocated for the City share of the widening and improving of South 12th Street from Proctor to ¹⁷³ the Board, and that Public Works Director Morris had already begun work on an L. I. D. for street improvement.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council.

Attest:

Josephine K. Nelson
City Clerk.