

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:38 P. M.
Monday, July 11, 1955

Council met in regular session. Present 6, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue and Tollefson. Absent 3, Battin and Hooker for the entire meeting, and Stojack taking his seat at 7:40 p. m. (Col. Hooker requested to be excused as he would be out of the city.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Jensen that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilmember, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Battin, Hooker and Stojack.

Mayor Tollefson stated that Mr. Clinton Reynolds, President of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce was present and wished to present a plaque to the City. Dr. Humiston moved to suspend Rule 7, regarding the filing of new matter before the Council, in order to hear from Mr. Reynolds. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously, Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Hooker. Mr. Reynolds, on behalf of the American Automobile Association of Washington, D. C. presented to Tacoma, and Mayor Tollefson, a special Citation for Pedestrian Program among cities of 100,000 to 200,000 in population in the 1954 National Pedestrian Protection Contest, which was sponsored by the American Automobile Association. Mr. Reynolds congratulated the City on their winning of this award, and especially Chief Kerr & Lieutenant Marshall of the Police Department, and Mr. Yoshio Kosai, of the Traffic Engineering Department. Mayor Tollefson thanked Mr. Reynolds for presenting this plaque. He then extended to Chief Kerr, Lieutenant Marshall and Mr. Kosai thanks on behalf of the City Administration for all they did to help Tacoma win this award.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor H. M. Tollefson (filed July 11, 1955 at 9:38 a. m.) advising that he has designated Josephine Melton to act as his proxy in affixing his signature to any bonds of the Department of Public Utilities requiring same, and particularly those bonds authorized by Ordinances Nos. 14386 as amended, Ordinance No. 15100, and Ordinance No. 15101 as amended. Placed on file.

PETITIONS:

John T. Steward, George P. Sheridan and Luther Cliff and Virgil Cliff, d/b/a/ Cliff Sign Company, making application for a franchise for a period of 15 years to place and maintain benches upon the City of Tacoma's sidewalks, streets or rights of way, with advertising signs thereon. Referred to the City Manager and the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

E. M. Murray, requesting permission for Joe Hillaire, head of the Indian Inter-tribal Council, one or two other Indians, and himself to appear before the City Council to make arrangements with the City Council as to the formalities of taking over the City on Friday, July 22, 1955.

Mr. E. M. Murray, presented Mr. Ensley Llewellyn, Publicity Chairman for the Tacoma Funfair who gave a resume of the events to be held during the Funfair, which would include the Indians taking over the City Government on Friday, July 22nd,

parades, races and other entertainment as scheduled. He explained to Council their part in the program and gave an hour by hour schedule for the Council. Chief Hillaire was then introduced along with Mrs. Reina Dougherty, Indian Princess for the Funfair. Chief Hillaire told about the signing of the Treaty on September 30, 1853 and about the history of the area. Mayor Tollefson pledged the assistance of the City Council to their taking over the City Government on July 22nd. Mrs. Goering then moved that on July 22nd, 1955 we turn over our City Government to the Indians for the purpose of this ceremony. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue, carried unanimously on voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Hooker.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14320:

BY JENSEN:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for sanitary sewers from South 70th Street to the City limits from 250 feet to 340 feet west of South Tacoma Way, L I D 1934, be and is hereby awarded to Milone and Tucci, Inc., on its low bid of \$16,895.81.

Adopted on roll call July 11, 1955
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Hooker.

Resolution No. 14321: **L I D 4563:**

BY GOERING:

Stating intention of Council to order grading, paving, concrete curbs and gutters and necessary storm drainage in the area from North 9th Street to North 15th Street and from Alder Street to Anderson Street (less certain streets) creating L I D 4563 and fixing August 2, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call July 11, 1955
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Hooker.

ORDINANCES, FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. 15380: **L I D 5176**

Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron watermain in Union Avenue from South 38th Street to South 47th Street, in Puget Sound Avenue; Warner Street and Lawrence Street; an 8-inch cast iron watermain in South 48th Street; 12 inch cast iron watermain in South 43rd Street, creating L I D 5176. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15381: **L I D 5248:**

Providing for the construction of 16 inch cast iron watermain in East 64th Street from Portland Avenue to Homestead Avenue; an 8-inch cast iron watermain in Homestead Avenue and in East 61st Street; a 6-inch cast iron watermain

in East 61st Street from Portland Avenue to T Street, in East 62nd Street and East 63rd Street from Portland Avenue to Homestead Avenue; creating L I D 5248. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15382:

L I D 2210:

Providing for the improvement of North 26th Street from Pearl to Jackson and approximately 400 feet north of North 15th Street by grading and oil mat; creating L I D 2210. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15383:

L I D 2233:

Providing for the improvement of the South side of South 17th Street from Adams to Washington Street, the west side of Washington Street from South 17th Street to South 18th Street; the north side of South 18th Street from Adams Street to Washington Street by the construction of cement concrete sidewalks thereon, and curbs and gutters on the North side of South 18th Street from Adams to Washington; creating L I D 2233. Read by title.

At the L I D meeting held July 5th, a hearing was held on L I D No. 2233, at which time several remonstrators appeared protesting the installation of the concrete curbs and gutters on the North side of South 18th Street from Adams St to Washington Street. They explained that only one person in the area wanted the curbs and gutters, but all wished the installation of the sidewalks. They were advised by the L. I. D. Committee, that if a new petition were presented before the contract was let, they could change the specifications to have only the sidewalks installed, and eliminate the curbs and gutters. The property owners filed a petition as requested by the L. I. D. Committee, which was referred to the Public Works Department who will check the petition and report back at the next Council meeting. on July 18th.

Ordinance No. 15384:

Authorizing the Director of Public Health of the combined Health Department of the City of Tacoma and County of Pierce to provide for immunization and certification for overseas travelers and other persons needing such service; establishing a fee schedule for such service; and providing for the receipt and deposit of said fees. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15385:

Amending Section 194 of Ordinance No. 15358 (traffic code, re one-way streets) by adding thereto the following; Tennis Court Road, North 7th Street to Tacoma Avenue, Northbound only; Alley between Park Avenue and Yakima Avenue from South 38th Street to South 39th Street, southbound only. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment and assessment rolls for the cost of the improvements in L. I. D. Nos. 5241 and 5242. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Perdue that August 16, 1955 be set as the date for hearing on said assessment rolls. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Hooker.

The City Clerk reported that the L. I. D. Committee held a hearing on July 5th on L. I. D. No. 4553, for paving, curbs and gutters in the area from North 9th Street to North 15th Street from Alder Street to Anderson Street, at which time the remonstrance was reported to be 24.1%. In view of the remonstrances filed against the improvement requesting the deletion of certain streets, the L. I. D. Committee recommended that the district be abandoned and that a new district be created. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mrs. Goering to concur in the recommendation of the L. I. D. Committee. Carried unanimously on voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Hooker.

This is the date to which Council continued the hearing of Calvary Baptist Church, et al, for vacation of the north-south alley lying between Pacific Avenue and C Street from South 65th Street to South 67th Street. Mr. Edward Stabard of the Church Building Committee was present and explained that he had contacted the Utilities Department relative to the fees for the changing of Utilities and had given them a check for \$90.00 to cover this charge. He added that he had also contacted an electrical contractor regarding the changing of the service from the alley to the street, and that negotiations had been completed with the Telephone Company regarding the moving of their cable. After a discussion by the Council, it was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Dr. Humiston that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare an ordinance granting the vacation of the alley between Pacific Avenue and South "c" Street from South 65th Street to South 67th Street, and to include the necessary easements, etc., regarding the Utilities Department right of ways. Carried unanimously. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Hooker.

Mr. Backstrom reported that he had received a request from the Public Works Department asking permission of the Local Improvement District Committee to schedule a special meeting on August 9th, to hold hearings on several contemplated L. I. D. Districts. This met with the approval of the L. I. D. Committee.

Mr. Backstrom presented each Councilmember a copy of a letter received from the Tacoma Transit Company regarding the curtailment of bus service in the area from South 64th Street to 72nd Street and from McKinley Avenue to Portland Avenue. Mr. Boyle, City Attorney explained that the service had been cut because of a lack of riders, and added that the City's franchise gives them the right to change and curtail the service within reason, but, he added, they should not curtail service without Council's approval. He added that it might be possible that the Public Service Commission would have the final say in this regard. The subject was discussed at length, and as a result, Mayor Tollefson suggested that the matter be referred to the Public Utilities Committee, consisting of Dr. Humiston, Mr. Bratrud and Mr. Jensen for further investigation.

Mr. Bratrud announced that the Lease-Agreement for the County-City Building has been completed, and that an Ordinance will be presented to Council at Monday's meeting for first reading, and should pass the following Monday.

Mr. Jensen raised the question about the caution light at the Tacoma-Fircrest City Limits, at the intersection of Columbia and Orchard Streets. He said that there should be an activated light at this point as traffic warrants

the installation of the full red and green traffic signal. The matter was discussed by Council and it was pointed out that the Town of Fircrest would pay \$500.00 toward the installation of this light, and the City of Tacoma would have to pay the balance of approximately \$700.00. The maintenance and electrical charges to be covered in the agreement. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston that the City Manager proceed with the joint venture with the Town of Fircrest whereby a full red and green traffic signal is installed at the intersection of Columbia and Orchard Streets, electrical and maintenance charges to be covered in the agreement. Carried unanimously on voice vote. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Hooker.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:17 p. m.

JAN Jollyson
President of City Council

Attest: *Josephine Meeter*
City Clerk