

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Monday, March 28, 1960

The City Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Anderson, Bott, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Perdue, Mr. Perdue coming in at 4:10 P. M.

Mr. Anderson moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Humiston. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Perdue.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date set for the Public hearing on the establishment of off-street parking space and facilities in downtown Tacoma, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 35.86.050.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that several discussions have been held on this subject, but this is the public hearing as required by ROW 35.86.050. He further stated that a survey and report and preliminary plans had been prepared and made in respect to this project and filed with the Council and Manager.

Mr. Reno Odlin, Chairman of the Citizen's Committee for the Future Development of Tacoma, explained that this Committee for the Future Development of Tacoma was formed by the Mayor and City Council, which was comprised of some 240 persons representing all the activities in the City. To expedite matters, a number of sub-committees were formed out of this group, one being the Off-Street Parking Sub-committee.

Numerous hearings were held and thorough studies and considerations of the problem were undertaken by this sub-committee. At the conclusion of the study of the off-street parking, their report was sent to the Finance Sub-Committee of the Citizens' Committee, who in turn approved the findings of the sub-committee and recommended the program to the Executive Committee. At a large meeting held in the Auditorium of the Public Utilities Building, the report was adopted unanimously and was then sent to the City Council. Since then, certain changes have occurred and today, at the request of the Downtown Parking Committee, a meeting was called of the Executive Committee of the Citizens' Committee to study the proposal once again. Mr. Odlin further explained that the sub-committee reviewed in considerable detail some of the problems which have appeared in connection with the project; that the committee is aware that the proposal has changed somewhat from the original one. But, that the facts have not changed. They indicated that we still have a City in which long downtown blocks divide the business section and reduce flexibility and prevent the free flow of traffic. Mr. Odlin then stated "The question is, shall we loosen the downtown core of the business district by the adoption of this program along with the escalators, or shall we let it continue to stagnate and fall into disrepair."

He further stated that the pledges of the downtown businessmen amounting to \$700,000 express their confidence that the program will succeed in its purpose, and will rehabilitate the downtown area; that the downtown business area is of primary importance to everyone and will have a great bearing on the future development, modernization, expansion of our community, and also will result in the creation of

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new buildings and the development of new methods of merchandising, which cannot be developed now because of the apparent lag, stagnation and apathy towards shopping downtown.

Mr. Perdue coming in at this time (4:10 P. M.).

Mr. Odlin further stated that the City is asked now to change the proceedings materially, but not the purpose or intent. The objective remains the same. He stated that it was recommended by the Committee that the City accept this gift of some \$700,000 with which he was in accord, and that will be raised by donations, etc., then issue revenue bonds for the balance. In order to make the bonds salable and acceptable to the Financial Firms who would bid on them, it would probably be necessary for the City to pledge as small a sum of perhaps \$25,000, non accumulative, as security for the bonds. He said experiences of other cities prove that this type of program does not decrease business of the present garage operators, but in fact improves their business, and that statistical evidence can be submitted to show this to be the case.

He finally stated that this project deserves and merits the Council's favorable and affirmative consideration, and that the Committee unanimously recommends to the City Council that the City proceed at once with this project.

Mr. Tempest DeWolf, President of the Downtown Business Association of Vancouver, B. C., and Executive Vice President and Originator of Downtown Parking Authority, explained that in 1948 the Downtown Business Association put through a law which authorized the City of Vancouver to borrow a million dollars to be used to purchase land for the purpose of off-street parking. On the passage of this law, the Association formed a Downtown Parking Corporation, Ltd. for the purpose of improving and operating the land so occupied. He explained that the monies needed for improvements were raised by the Downtown Corporation not by the City, but as title to the land vests in the City, the improvements eventually became City property. To further this project, the Downtown Business Association gave all the shares of the Downtown Parking Corporation to the City of Vancouver. All of the profits from the operations accrue to the City. Management however, for the term of the lease, remains under the direction of the Downtown Business Association. He further explained that the reason for this was to keep the operation free from undue influences which might be exerted on the City.

He further stated that the object of the plan was to provide low cost parking on a cooperative basis and that rates are designed to obtain a turnover. On these rates, the corporation pays the same taxes as might be levied on private owners. In addition, downtown property values have been maintained and enhanced by this plan. He stated that it was his opinion that this plan has helped private operators rather than hinder them, as eight (8) garages and sixteen (16) surface lots have been built by private operators in the past ten years.

Mr. Robert Stoaks, representing the Retailers in Downtown Tacoma, said the Downtown Retailers are solidly behind this parking program and it is their firm belief there is a drastic need for these two (2) garages and that the retailers, alone, have pledged \$240,000 of their money toward the garages.

Mr. Lawrence Ghilarducci, President of the Retail Trade Association, spoke in favor of the project, and stated that his group is very much in favor of this program and sincerely hoped that the City Council will give their approval to this program.

Mr. Don Anderson, Manager of Sears, Roebuck & Co., said, although their firm provides parking for their own customers they are very much interested in the new proposed parking lots and very pleased to participate in contributing towards this new project.

Mr. Forrest Rogers, Manager of Payless Drugs, stressed the great need for more parking facilities in the Downtown area, and the value of the proposed parking program.

Mr. Fitpold, Manager of Peoples Store, said their firm has increased their business considerably in the past 14 years, but in order to enjoy greater business, all the parking facilities possible must be on hand to take care of customers coming into the City. No downtown area can have too much off-street parking. With these garages he was sure everyone would enjoy more business. Consequently the City of Tacoma would enjoy more B. and O. Taxes.

Mr. Ted McMahan, Manager of Schoenfeld's Furniture Company said in his fifteen years as Manager, he has seen the parking problem grow from one of little consequence to one of great importance. Although Schoenfeld's provides customer parking they still see the need of more off-street parking and are happy to be a part of this program.

Mr. Nelson Van deMark, Manager of Washington Sports Shop also spoke in favor of the Downtown Parking Program, stressing the need for convenient parking in order that Downtown Tacoma can prosper.

Mr. Herb Syford, Chairman of the Downtown Parking Corporation said the Corporation hired Mr. Eugene Barton, Traffic and Parking Consultant of the Ferguson Company, in 1958, to make a comprehensive report of the downtown area. Mr. Barton and his staff came to Tacoma and provided the Corporation with a complete comprehensive survey of the downtown area along with their recommendations. This report served as a guide on the project. Mr. Syford said that Mr. Barton was present and would be happy to bring the report up to date and express his views.

Mr. Barton then spoke and said he has seen the trend for many years of the very serious need for providing a considerable amount of additional off-street parking for two basic purposes. One, to provide convenience to the merchants and businesses in the downtown "core" area; which convenience was necessitated by the tremendous growth of the motor car. The other purpose is to free the streets for vehicular traffic movement. Out of necessity only curb parking has been allowed. Many of the parking garages in Tacoma are twenty or twenty-five years old and have outlived their usefulness as modern efficient facilities. Consequently the service is much slower than it ordinarily would be. He further stated that adequate parking is vital to a City's growth. The decision of the Council on to construct downtown parking could well trigger a start of a fairly large scale of downtown re-development.

Mr. Barton further stated the figures contained in his report were felt to be quite accurate for the conditions that existed in 1958 in Tacoma.

He said a few other municipally owned garages in other cities are in the red either because of their first year in operation or that they are poorly located, but that any garage that he has recommended is not in the red.

Dr. Humiston asked if the garages would be feasible if financed completely by private interests.

Mr. Barton said they could be made feasibly by charging high enough rates.

Dr. Humiston then asked about the City's proposed pledging of \$25,000 in parking meter revenue as collateral for the bond buyers.

Mr. Barton said the City of Milwaukee has done this, its garages have been operating for three years and the collateral has not been touched.

Mayor Hanson said the City Council has not heard of any City in the United States where there has been a one-third contribution to the project such as proposed here.

Mr. Barton said he has tried for years to adopt a form of contribution on a scale so that Cities and business merchants and others would pull together as a team.

Mr. Newlands, Attorney, representing the Downtown Parking Corporation, said it is unfortunate that so much time has been spent arriving at a conclusion on this matter as every possible means has been exhausted in reference to the business firms financing this project. Consequently it has been necessary to ask for help from the City. He felt they were justified in doing so as it would be for the general welfare of the public.

Mr. Ward Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Downtown Parking Corporation, said with the preliminary information compiled, his committee was able to obtain a very favorable consideration by one of the major insurance companies indicating they felt it was a feasible operation.

Mr. Louis Mondau, a Restaurant owner, also commented on the great need for adequate parking in the downtown area and the advisability of the City taking part in this project.

Mayor Hanson thanked all of those who had spoken on behalf of the proposal and said he would now ask the opponents to present their arguments.

Mr. Harold Tollefson, Attorney, was the first to speak for the opponents. He said he was representing the operators of a private parking garage at 9th and Market who were opposed to this project. He said he was astounded to find that only favorable facts have been presented to the Council and none of the inherent dangers.

He said a lot of questions came to mind when he read "The Parking and Economic Study" submitted by the H. K. Ferguson Company in August of 1958. His information from the private garage owners is at variance with the "facts" set forth in this report.

He noted that no financial firm has been willing to invest in the garages under the original private financing plan, adding that the investors had apparently not found the proposal feasible.

He questioned the 3.5 turnover figure cited by Mr. Barton, contending that the most active garage in town, Sears, Roebuck & Co., has only a 3.3 turnover.

He said the City in successfully urging the Legislature to allow cities to go into the parking business, had argued that the purpose was to alleviate the traffic congestion. There is no traffic congestion downtown, he said, the purpose of the garages as stated here, is to create it.

He said he believed it was the duty of the City Council to obtain all the facts to determine whether or not this is a financially feasible project, before arriving at a decision.

Mayor Hanson advised Mr. Tollefson before the City Council takes any step that will definitely commit the City to construction, they must have additional up-dated information.

Mr. Robert Medved, spokesman for the private garage operators Association said his group feels these garages would not be feasible. He said the existing garages have an average turnover of 1.5 while Mr. Barton's report cites an anticipated turnover figure of 3.5. Also the anticipated expenses were underestimated all down the line. The additional parking will not generate new downtown traffic unless it is free of charge.

He said that a large-scale validation program under which stores would subsidize their customer's parking in existing garages would generate enough new traffic to make the proposed garages feasible under private financing. He said he felt this survey needed considerable revision and would be to the City Council's advantage that the survey be revised before the City Council commits itself.

Mayor Hanson said it seems to be the consensus of opinion that before any action is taken it must be premised upon the satisfactory answers to the question in reference to financial feasibility. This would have to be answered before anyone would invest money in bonds. Then, he stated, that if we include in this agreement the condition of up-dating this study, keeping in mind the questions that are raised here, and inserting the condition "that if the Revenue Bonds are not marketable at a desirable rate of interest," then this agreement will be null and void.

Mr. William C. Larson, Accountant for two private garages said they take exception to some of the figures in Mr. Barton's report. One, in particular where it states specifically a 3.5 turnover figure, which is exorbitant, and further more, he felt the report contains a great deal of distortion.

Mr. Newlands said the downtown Parking Corporation is at the point where there is only one thing left for them to do and that is getting the cash. They feel that when this final step is taken it will be expensive and will require considerable effort on their part. Before they take that step they feel they should know if the City has made it's decision. He would suggest that the Resolution be brought up for a vote and if there is a feeling that any expression by the City Council should be conditioned then perhaps some amendment should be made to this Resolution, allowing the Council to further inform themselves on the matters of feasibility, interest rates, methods of financing, etc., but with the understanding the Downtown Parking Corporation cannot go ahead until the City has passed those conditions and made a commitment. Then, the group feels assured that they can raise the \$700,000 in three months; that it is unfair to ask the group to go out and raise the \$700,000 before the City makes a commitment.

Dr. Humiston leaving at this time (7:40 P. M.)

The Council meeting was recessed for fifteen minutes at this time.

Council reconvened at 7:55 P. M.

Mr. Anderson moved that the rules be suspended to take up Resolution No. 16073 at this time. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Voice vote was called on the motion resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16073:

By ANDERSON:

Accepting proposal of \$700,000 from the Downtown Parking Corporation (organized and owned by private individuals) for constructing and maintaining off street parking facilities in Downtown Tacoma.

Mr. Easterday said he thought it might be possible with the contributions of the downtown people to work out two parking decks, one on Pacific Avenue and the other on Commerce Street. It would require that the land be obtained, buildings demolished, haddtop the Pacific Avenue area and put in the deck on Commerce Street. He said that he would like to have this possibility analyzed and some figures obtained on the cost of such a project. Therefore, he moved that final action on the Resolution be postponed until April 4th. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Vote was then called for on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 4; Nays 4; Anderson, Goering, Perdue, Hanson. Motion was declared lost by the Chairman.

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Mr. Anderson moved that the Resolution be amended by adding the following sentence to the 4th paragraph, on page one, after the word "accepted": "provided, that the up-dating of the 1958 Parking Study shows that the project is economically feasible, which determination shall be made by the Council on or before May 9, 1960, by appropriate Resolution." Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Mr. Bott said he felt there was a reasonable doubt as to the feasibility of the project and he suggested that inasmuch as the new members of the Council will soon assume their seats, he thought no action should be taken until the new Councilmembers are in office, as it will be their responsibility to decide the issue.

Mayor Hanson said he was concerned with having the amendment adopted, due to the fact it does have reference to the up-dating of the feasibility study. He stated that the amendment could be passed and then the Resolution could be postponed. He said this will then give the Council the opportunity to make and look at an up-dated study and determine whether or not the project is feasible. The interest rate is a part of determining feasibility, he added.

Voice vote on the amendment resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Mayor Hanson then moved to reconsider the motion to postpone the Resolution to April 4, 1960. Motion seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mrs. Price said this Resolution was given to the Councilmembers at the meeting tonight and since they have not had sufficient time to study it, she suggested that the amended Resolution be postponed until next week so the members might have an opportunity to thoroughly study it.

Roll call was then taken to reconsider the motion to postpone the Resolution until April 4, 1960, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Anderson; Absent 1, Humiston.

Roll was then called on the motion to postpone the amended Resolution until April 4, 1960, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Goering, Absent 1, Humiston

Mayor Hanson said since it will be impossible for Mr. Barton to be here next week, he felt it only fair that he be given an opportunity to make a brief explanation of his report, in answer to the charges previously made in reference to the figures on the project which were questioned by some of the opponents.

Mrs. Goering said, inasmuch as all of the opponents have left the meeting, she felt this was unfair and should have been made before they left.

It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Barton be given this opportunity if copies of his remarks were made available to the Council and the opposition.

Mr. Barton said there was considerable mention of turnover. The turnover in the report was based on a 2 hour or less parking per car. The private operators claimed turnover of 1.5 based on averages well in excess of 3 and 4 hours turnover per car parked in that space. Therefore, we anticipate short time parkers who would use a space 2 hours, or less and thereby arrive at a 3.4 turnover. He further stated that "right now at the curb, the average turnover is 7 in the downtown area, and at the present time right in the area, these two garages mentioned has a turnover of 7 cars per 8 hour period, so if we could absorb some of those cars off the streets into the new off-street garages, they could well be parking that one hour or 1 1/2 hours so that you could have a turnover of three." Also, some discussion was made in reference to the wage scale. The wages for car jockies who have to handle cars, which is a more complicated operation, would be higher, but for a clerk the wage scale would be less. Therefore, he stated that there would be a differential in wage scales.

The point referred to as a discrepancy on page 33 of the report was an actual figure. For clarification, at the top of page 33, the third line, the total is 639 cars;

then on the following page 1717 in the third line. The reason for this is if you go farther down on page 33 in the Secondary Area group, a total of 3209 in the same location, and 3209 and 639 make 3848 spaces. Mr. Barton then stated, if you turn over to page 34 you will find that we have tried to pull in, we call it an adjusted are, more parking facilities in the upper area, the secondary area, so they were naturally added to that figure instead of 639; we came up with 1717, but by the same token, by looking further down the page 34, we deducted a like amount and the totals are still 3848.

The rates of 20 center per hour were also referred to constantly. On page 52 of the report, the recommendation is for 15 cents for the first and second hours. Backing it up to page 50, you will find that the average income per car is 30 cents for two hours or less parking.

Heavy emphasis was placed on page 28 of the report - 300 car space which I outlined to you. They talked about the Greyhound Depot coming up with as many as 180 cars. We counted the spaces today - 70 cars for practical parking, and if they jam the aisles they might go to 100, but by the same token an old garage which was No. 24 in the book had 100 cars in 1958, but has since been demolished and now has a capacity of 24 cars, so there has been a 76 car loss on that particular site, and on lot No. 20, No. 3, 23 cars were lost and that a facility has been wiped out. We are well aware of those instances and were checked." He then asked that the opponents read the second half of each page of the report for further explanations. Mr. Barton said that this would not permit a detailed answer and explanation of the contentions of the opponents and their criticism of his report, and would like to also submit and file with the Clerk and Council a written answer.

Mayor Hanson advised him that the Council would like such a written statement. He thanked Mr. Barton and said he would make it clear at the next meeting that any of these allegations of inconsistencies will not be accepted as any reflection on Mr. Barton's integrity or ability as an analyst.

At this time Councilman John H. Anderson submitted his resignation, requesting that he be relieved from his Council duties, and that Councilman elect Patrick M. Steele be appointed to complete his unexpired term. 65
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Mr. Bott moved to accept Mr. Anderson's resignation with regrets. Motion seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Anderson (not voting) Absent 1, Humiston.

Mayor Hanson said although there have been differences of opinion, it has been a pleasure serving with Mr. Anderson on the Council, and it is with regret his resignation be accepted. He asked that an appropriate Resolution be brought in commending Mr. Anderson on his service to the City.

Mr. Bott moved that Patrick M. Steele be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Anderson. Motion seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote was called on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston. 65

Mr. Anderson leaving at this time.

PETITIONS:

Petition from Russell H. Garrison, requesting the rezoning of the property located on the west side of McKinley Avenue between East 71st and East 74th Streets, to be rezoned from an "R-2", "C-1" and "C-2" District to an "M-1" District. Referred to the City Planning Commission 126

RESOLUTIONS:

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Resolution No. 15985: (Continued from the meeting of December 28, 1959).

By GOERING:

Authorizing the City Attorney to prepare a Resolution submitting to the electors of the City of Tacoma a proposition authorizing the issuance and sale of \$900,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Tacoma, said bonds to be used for airport purposes.

Mayor Hanson said since we have no further information in reference to this Resolution, it would be appropriate to table it.

Mrs. Price moved to Table Resolution No. 15985. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote was called on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Resolution No. 16068:

By HANSON:

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The City Council of the City of Tacoma individually and publicly honor and extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation and commendation to Omar Bratrud for his many years of service as a member of the City Council for the period of June, 1953 to March, 1960.

It was moved by Mr. Bott that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16069:

By HUMISTON:

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Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to make a temporary loan in the sum of \$360,000 or so much as may be necessary from the L I D Guaranty Fund to the General Fund for the purpose of providing funds to pay for material and personnel for fire protection purposes, as set forth in Resolution No. 15998.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16070:**By Price:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an Agreement with the I. B. E. W. Local #483 for wages, hours and conditions of labor for the Light Division electrical workers from April 1, 1960 to and including March 31, 1961.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

The Resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16071:**By Perdue:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a supplemental agreement with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, in the amount of \$13,365.00 for costs incurred in repairing the river banks and the removal of a river bar immediately upstream from the intake structure on the Green River.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Baarslag, Assistant Water Superintendent, said the City of Tacoma has an agreement that was negotiated September 18, 1955 to protect the Water Divisions' facilities during the construction of the Howard Hanson Dam last year, due to some of the construction, some damage was done to the intake structure of the City of Tacoma. The Army Engineers have agreed to accept the responsibility for that damage.

The work was performed by the City on an emergency basis on force account, to the extent of \$13,365.00 and this Resolution amends the agreement whereby the Army will reimburse the City for the full expense.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16072:**By HUMISTON:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a release of an easement to Ernest J. and Emma L. Curry and L. R. and Alice B. Swift, to string wires across their property located at 7830 South A Street.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16546:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to modify Appendix "A" to the Lease and Agreement of Occupancy of the County-City Building, between the City of Tacoma and Pierce County, as authorized by Ordinance No. 16133. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said, under the present formula, the City is being charged on the basis of 44.10% occupancy. The City has given up space in some areas: for example, the State Auditor has now been moved to the Finance Department, and other adjustments have also been made. As a result the City is now being assessed 43.68% which means a savings of about \$1,200 a year for the City.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of Final Reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16540:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as Section 13.06.065 (6) to include property located on 6th Avenue between Walters Road and Titlow Road to be rezoned in an "R-4-L" Low Density Multiple Family Dwelling District. Read by title and passed. (Petition Phillip Jacobs, et al)

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Ordinance No. 16541:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding two new sections known as 13.06.050 (3) and Sec. 13.06.050 (4) and repealing Ordinances Numbers 16494 and 16533. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Ordinance No. 16542:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5309 for cast iron water mains in Melrose Street from Cedar to Lawrence. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Ordinance No. 16543:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5310 for cast iron watermains in the area of Harborview Drive between Brown's Point Boulevard and Edwards Road. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Ordinance No. 16544:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3509 for sanitary sewers in North Bennett and North Highlands Streets from North 14th to North 18th; in North 19th from North Highland to North Woodlawn and the alley west of Highlands from North 18th to 200 feet south of North 26th Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Ordinance No. 16545:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5320 for cast iron water mains Wilkeson Street from South 73rd to South 80th; Alaska from South 74th to South 80th; South 76th and South 80th from Wilkeson to Asotin Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment rolls for the cost of the following improvement districts:

L I D 1993 - Sanitary sewers in Winnifred Street from North 14th to North 15th Streets, and from North 16th to North 18th Streets; also Shirley Street from North 15th to North 18th Streets.

L I D 2257: - Sidewalks on South 72nd Street from Pacific Avenue to Sheridan.

L I D 6759: - Ornamental street lights on Montgomery Street from South 64th to South 66th Street.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday, seconded by Mrs. Price that April 26, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- . Report from the Belt Line for the month of February, 1960.
- . Report from the Water Division for the month of February, 1960.
- . Annual report from the Harbormaster's Office for 1959.

COMMENTS:

Two communications were read from Mrs. Clara E. Goering and Dr. Homer Humiston submitting their resignations as Councilmembers, to become effective April 4, 1960.

92 It was moved by Mr. Easterday, seconded by Mr. Bott to accept the resignation of Mrs. Goering and Dr. Humiston, with regrets. Voice vote was called on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 1, Goering (not voting) Absent 1, Humiston

Mayor Hanson accepted the resignations with regret and with a great deal of gratitude for the work done by each. He asked that the proper Resolutions be drawn commending both members for their fine service.

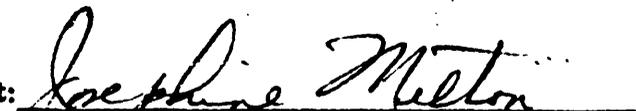
Mr. Rowlands advised the Councilmembers that Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. the members would meet in the Mayor's Office for the tour of the Urban Renewal area. Also a relocation Advisory Committee meeting will be held with the City Council on Tuesday at 8:00 P. M. in Room 354, in reference to the Urban Renewal Hearing next Monday.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion, duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest:



City Clerk