

Monday, February 1, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 9; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 0.

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. Perdue. Mayor Tollefson requested that a portion of the discussion concerning the qualifications of the Robert T. Knight Co. be deleted on page 155. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Col. Hooker that the minutes be amended by placing a period after the words "municipal accounting." and by deleting "whereas the Robert T. Knight Co. has had no experience in this type of accounting" (page 155). Roll was called on the motion to amend, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Roll was then called on the motion to approve the minutes as amended, which resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13847.

By STOJACK:

Authorizing the Director of Public Works to expend not in excess of \$2000.00, from the Capital Outlay appropriation authorized for the sewer utility in the 1954 budget of the Public Works Department, for the purpose of conducting a research program on earth pressures on large underground pipe lines, in order to develop ways and means of determining the strength requirement of said pipes with the greatest accuracy possible and to thus insure the use by the City of proper pipes for the benefit of its sewer system.

Adopted on roll call February 1, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 13848.

By PERDUE:

Opposing the construction of the bridge or bridges across Puget Sound as approved by the District Engineer in public notice no. P-53-95, and requesting the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, Washington, D. C., to set aside said findings of the District Engineer, above referred to, or to amend said findings to require the designs of the bridge or bridges authorized to be constructed, to be changed to more nearly conform with the evidence presented by the opponents of the same at the hearings; if the same cannot be accomplished as aforesaid, then that the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army cause a hearing to be held in Washington, D. C. for a final determination of the matter and at such time that the City of Tacoma may be represented.

Adopted on roll call February 1, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 13849.

By STOJACK:

Requesting Colonel N. A. Matthias, District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, to cause a survey to be made of the City Waterway, with a view to determine the condition of the same with respect to its safety and adequacy for shipping and to making provision for the dredging of said waterway to a depth of at least 30 feet at mean low water. The resolution was discussed by the Council members and Dr. Humiston said in his opinion the engineer's name should not appear in the resolution, as the appointment to this position is subject to change. It was moved by Dr. Humiston

FEB 1, 1954

that the resolution be modified in the third paragraph by deleting the words "Colonel W. A. Matthias" and inserting the word "the" and also by deleting the words "colonel Matthias" in the 4th paragraph and inserting the words "the district Engineer". Motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously. Roll was then called on the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Adopted on roll call February 1, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Abs ent 0.

Resolution No. 13850.

BY JENSEN:

Finding and determining it is in the best interests of the City of Tacoma that the employees of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Tacoma be granted increases in salaries and wages for the year 1954 comparable to increases in salaries and wages heretofore granted for the year 1954 to those persons employed in other departments of the City and to effectuate such increases the proper officers of the City are authorized to enter into agreements with the accredited representatives of employees of the Department of Public Utilities. It was moved by Mr. Jensen to suspend rule 9; seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried unanimously on voice vote. The Council discussed the resolution, and Dean Barline, Assistant City Attorney, was asked if any delay or loss of wages would be incurred by the employees if this resolution were not passed tonight. Mr. Barline replied in the negative, and Dr. Humiston said that in order to allow the Council time to study the resolution, he would move to postpone action for one week (2-8-54). Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 5; Battin, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Tollefson; Nays 4; Bratrud, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack. Absent

Resolution No. 13843. (laid over to this date on January 25th).

BY GOERING:

Accepting bid of Howard E. Guest, a widower, for the purchase of Lots 7 and 8, Block 2908, Supplementary Plat of Oakland Addition for \$425.00 cash, and authorizing and directing proper officers of City to execute a local improvement deed in favor of said purchaser. Mr. Backstrom explained that a majority of the charges on this property have been outlawed by the Statute of Limitations, and that the amount the purchaser will pay covers the expenses which could be legally collected, and will be credited to the Local Improvement Guaranty Fund.

Adopted on roll call February 1, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 14972.

Outlining the repair of certain defective sidewalks and curbs upon agreement with the abutting property owner for participation in the cost thereof; providing a method for determining City participation; and appropriating \$5,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary from the City Street Fund to pay the costs of such participation; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and the appropriation herein contained. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 14974.

Providing for the condemnation under the right of eminent domain by the City of Tacoma of certain strips or parcels of land for the purpose of acquiring a right of way for an alley between Wilkeson and Alaska from South 35th to South 36th in the City of Tacoma; and providing for the payment therefor. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 14975.

Authorizing the employment of William M. Lybrand, T. Edward Ross, Robert S. Warner, Prior Sinclair and Associates, co-partners doing business as Lybrand-Ross Bros. & Montgomery, certified public accountants, to make an independent and running audit of the accounts and books of the City and otherwise as auditors to perform the duties prescribed by Section 7.14 of the City Charter, setting forth the terms of such employment, including the compensation to be paid therefor; and directing that the cost of such employment be paid from the funds specifically provided therefor in the annual budget for the year 1954. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 14976.

Authorizing and directing the City attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Pierce County under the right of eminent domain, for the condemnation and acquisition of certain property, property rights and privileges, for the purpose of widening and improving South 12th Street from Proctor Street to Orchard Street; and authorizing and directing the Director of Public Works of the City of Tacoma to draft final detailed plans, final cost estimates, specifications and diagrams for the widening and improvement of South 12th Street from Proctor Street to Orchard Street; and providing for the taking and damaging of said property, property rights and privileges; and declaring a public emergency to exist requiring the immediate passage of this ordinance and the taking effect thereof, immediately after publication. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 14977.

Amending Sections 11, 15, 19, 20 and 21 of Ordinance No. 14967 entitled: "An ordinance 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 and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 14973.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in Local Improvement District No. 5235. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried unanimously. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 134

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date to which Council continued the hearing on the petition of B. W. Nash (2-29-53) for vacation of that portion of South 34th Street abutting Lots 1 to 5 inc. and a part of Lot 6, Block 24, Junett's Addition and lying between the west line of Pine Street and the southeasterly line of Former Montgomery Street (referred back to the Planning Commission for further Study) the Clerk reported that at the request of E. K. Murray, attorney for B. W. Nash (now deceased), the City Planning Department has requested that the hearing be continued until April 5, 1954. It was moved by Col. Hooker 133 190

150 FEB 1 1954

that the hearing be continued to April 5, 1954. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried on roll call: Ayes-9; Nays-0; Absent-0.

Mayor Tollefson read a letter he had received from Robert T. Knight, Certified Public Accountant, expressing appreciation of the courtesy extended his organization by Council in connection with the audit of the City of Tacoma, asking the City to feel at liberty to call on him in a professional capacity or as a private citizen, if he can be of assistance as the work progresses. Ordered placed on file.

At this time (8:45 P. M.) the Council recessed to the City Managers office to discuss sites for the new fire station in the vicinity of South 35th and Union. The City Manager presented each Councilman with a copy of Council-Manager letter #23, which outlined in detail each proposed site and gave estimated construction costs for same. Sites No. 3 and No. 7 were the ultimate choice of the Council and Site #3 is to be further investigated in order to determine which of the two sites would meet the Council's final approval. After additional discussion, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, that the Public Improvement Committee, consisting of Mrs. Goering, Col. Hooker, and Dr. Battin, together with the Fire Chief and the City Manager, be authorized to negotiate with the Public Utilities Board concerning the possibility of establishing a fire station on the Utilities property in the neighborhood of South 35th and Union. Motion carried unanimously. It was then moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Stojack, that the City Manager be given authority to dispose of the property owned by the City in the vicinity of South 32nd and Lawrence (site #6) for \$2500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council

Attest:

Josephine Melton
City Clerk.

Last paragraph as amended by Council at the meeting of February 8, 1954.