

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, August 18, 1958

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9; Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, and Price. Mayor Hanson taking his seat at 4:05 P.M. During the absence of Mayor Hanson, Vice Mayor, Humiston presided.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Porter that the re-draft minutes of August 4, and the minutes of August 11th, be approved as submitted. Roll was then called on the approval of the minutes. Roll was then called on the approval of the minutes. Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 2; Goering & Perdue. Absent 0.

Mayor Hanson assumed the chair at this time.

After considerable discussion on the contents and length of the minutes of August 4, and 11th, Mr. Perdue asked if it was the intention of the Council, hereafter, that minutes be prepared in this manner.

Mayor Hanson said he believed this motion was made with reference to particular matters taken before Council, and that it sets no precedent or pattern for future minutes with the possible exception of setting a precedent for honoring a request for a complete report on when there is a question involved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Tacoma City Employees Local 129 requesting the City Council to adopt the same working hours (8:30 P.M.) as those of Pierce County employees upon occupancy of the new County City Building. X

Mr. Rowlands said there have been requests received from various unions of one type or another, and these have been reproduced and distributed for Councils information. During the month of August all of the Department officials prepare preliminary budgets. During the month of September, management does confer with the various representatives of labor in trying to resolve some of the requests that have been asked. Various meetings are also held with Council members during that period of negotiation, so by the time the final budget is adopted, there is a good idea of what they will be able to do in the way of these requests. The week prior to the adoption of the final budget, any citizen, any representative of the various unions and any employee has the right to come in and be heard, he added. Mr. Rowlands explained that a survey is now being made and all information will be assembled and submitted to Council for their review during September. X

Wallace Burch - setting forth several recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the Civil Service Board. X

The communication was read in full. Mr. Burch pointed out that with an elective Civil Service Board they definitely will not have the control that they now have, and by doing this they would be setting up another independent body to complicate the affairs of running the City

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15440:

By REQUEST OF PRICE:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma a proposition

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to amend Sections 6.11, 6.12, 6.13 and 6.14 of the City Charter providing for the election of a Civil Service board and investing said Board with civil service rule-making power. (Salary of said Board not to exceed \$720.00 per year).

Mr. Anderson moved that the Resolution be postponed until August 25, as additional information had been received which he would like to have an opportunity to read before the Resolution is acted upon. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Dr. Humiston said that he was very interested in this Resolution and would be on vacation next week and would be unable to vote on it.

Mr. Anderson then amended his motion to postpone the Resolution until September 2. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15455:

By REQUEST OF ANDERSON:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma a proposition to amend Section 6.11 of the City Charter, providing for the election of Civil Service Commissioners. (Said Board shall serve without compensation.)

Moved by Mr. Easterday to postpone this Resolution until September 2. Seconded by Mrs. Price; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15465:

By REQUEST OF COUNCIL:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma a proposition to amend Sections 2.1 and 2.4 of the City Charter to provide for the direct election of the Mayor for a 2 year term and to provide for the compensation of said Mayor (\$6,000).

Mr. Perdue explained that he was against this Resolution for three reasons: (1) That he didn't believe we should have an elected Mayor (2) That the salary of \$6,000 a year was too high (3) That he didn't like the idea of the additional costs for a special election. He said for these reasons he was going to vote against the Resolution.

Adopted on roll call August 18, 1958
Ayes 6; Nays 3, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Absent 0

Resolution No. 15466:

By REQUEST OF COUNCIL:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma a proposition to amend Section 5.4 of the City Charter to provide for the election of Councilmen by numbered positions. (Alternate proposition to Resolution providing for numbered positions on Council submitted.)

Dr. Humiston moved that Sec. 5.4 of the Res. be amended to include the alternate proposition which was distributed to Council prior to the meeting:

"Sec. 5.4. The City Clerk, not less than ten (10) days prior to the time for filing declarations of candidacy in the next councilmanic election, shall by lot designate, by consecutive numbers commencing with number one, all positions on the Council and such designation shall thereafter be permanent and the positions so designated shall thereafter be considered as separate offices for all election purposes." Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call on the amendment: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Adopted on roll call August 18, 1958
Ayes 7; Nays 2, Goering, Perdue, Absent 0

Resolution No. 15467:

By PRICE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to transfer the sum of \$3,904.97 from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay, Maintenance and Operation, to the General Fund, Maintenance Classification of the Legal Department for the purpose of paying the cost of the printing of the supplements to the Official Code of the City.

Adopted on roll call, August 18, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15468:

By PERDUE:

Appropriating from the Cumulative Reserve Fund, for the new City Hall, the sum of \$253,232.65 or so much as may be necessary for the purpose of paying certain principal and interest costs due to Pierce County.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the City will pay off its share of the building during the next 20 years. He said there are sufficient funds in the Building Reserve Fund, which was established some time ago, for this particular project, to take care of this year and next.

Adopted on roll call, August 18, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15469:

By PRICE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a release of any easement rights to property at 3815 Waller Road.

Adopted on roll call, August 18, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15470:

By PERDUE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a five-year lease of the Light Division property at Taylor Way near the Tideflats to G. Andersen Fuel and Transfer Co.

Mr. Rowlands advised that this Resolution provides for liability insurance protection which was spelled out in the agreement.

Adopted on roll call, August 18, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0
Resolution No. 15467:

By EASTERDAY:

Authorizing agreement between the Public Works Department and the Light Division of the Department of Public Utilities for the construction and installation of betterments and improvements to the existing street lighting system of the City of Tacoma. (1958 Street Lighting Bond Program).

Mr. Rowlands advised that the Utilities Department had been asked to submit a report, in reference to this Resolution, but as yet it had not been received. It was then moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Anderson that Resolution 15457 be postponed to August 25th, 1958. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15471:

L I D 4653:

By HANSON:

Fixing September 23, 1958 as date for hearing on L I D No. 4653 - paving, curbs, gutters etc on East D Street from 3rd Street to 11th Street East E Street from 7th Street to 11th Street and East 7th Street from East D Street to East F Street. Repealing Resolution No. 15426.

Mr. Rowlands explained there was a Resolution which the City Attorney prepared that should be acted upon at today's Council meeting that does not appear on the agenda. It was then moved by Mr. Anderson to suspend the rules to take up this Resolution No. 15471. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously on roll call.

Adopted on roll call, August 18, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16173

Vacating the north 10 feet and the south 10 feet of North 47th Street between Mullen and Gove Streets, except alley entrances. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16174:

Appropriating the sum of \$16,000, from the General Fund to be transferred to the Police Relief and Pension Fund. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that inasmuch as the budget is prepared sixteen or seventeen months in advance, it is impossible to foresee all of the expenditures which might occur during the following year. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16175:

Authorizing 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 the condemnation and acquisition of property for a fire station site at South 56th and Warner Streets. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands advised that the City would do everything possible to reach a decision with the property owners for this property, but if that is not possible the only other way the property could be acquired would be through condemnation, he added. The Library Board wants to be certain that the City will go ahead with condemnation proceedings if an agreement cannot be reached, he added. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16176:

Authorizing the City Attorney to purchase, or institute condemnation proceedings for the purpose of providing a site for the Mayfield dam and reservoir areas for the Mayfield and Mossyrock dams, and repealing Ord. No. 15176. Read by title.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney advised that amended copies of Ordinance No. 16176 had been distributed to Council which corrects the 1st page concerning the legal description of the property.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston that the Ordinance be amended by inserting the amended discription on page 1. Roll call on the amendment, Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0; The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16153:

Amending the Official Code of the City of Tacoma in reference to taxing and regulating certain punchboards, spindle games and similar devices in the City.

Mr. Easterday said when he first introduced this Ordinance it was his intention that the tax be used to help the "anemic" condition of the City Treasury. But since there has not been any enthusiasm shown in licensing these punch boards, Mr. Easterday moved to table the Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on roll call.

Ordinance No. 16167:

Vacating East F Street from East 64th to East 65th Street, Bismarck Street from East E Street to East F Street, except that portion of Bismarck Street west of a line 50 feet west of the west line of East F St.

Roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16168:

Amending Chapter 11.34 of the Official Code relating to Traffic - Adding a new section - Yield Right of Way Intersections designated.

Roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16169:

Amending Sec. 11.20.010 of the Official Code relating to Traffic - Designation of one-way streets.

Roll call, Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16170:

L I D 4588

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID No. 4588 - paving and storm sewers in the approximate area from So. 48th Street to 50th Street, from G Street to C Street, also from So. 50th Street to 53rd Street from Park

Avenue to D Street. (Minutes of LID Committee on L I D No. 4588 attached.)

Roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16171

LID 5297

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D No. 5297 - Cast iron watermains in East 65th Street from Portland Avenue to East "S" Street produced. (Minutes of the L I D Committee on L I D No. 5297 attached.)

Roll call, Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16172:

L I D 6754

Providing for the improvement of L I D No. 6754 - street lighting on existing wood poles on the following streets: Hawthorne, Howard, Oxford MacArthur and Meyers Streets from 8th Avenue to South 12th Street, also Geiger Street from South 8th Street to South 12th Street. (Minutes of the L I D Committee on L I D No. 6754 attached.)

Roll call, Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

NEW BUSINESS:

MD - 219 - Second Progress Report on Capital Improvements Program

Mr. Rowlands advised that this is the second report on the progress of the Capital Improvement Projects that were approved by the voters last March. He said that he would keep Council posted on the projects at least every two or three months.

Mr. Rowlands said that pages four and five of the report show the approximate dates the contracts will be let. He also pointed out that the sanitary sewer rate study should be ready in the early part of October.

Mr. Rowlands advised that a telegram had been received from Congressman Thor C. Tollefson regarding the Airport Bill that was before Congress. The telegram stated that the House had passed the bill which extends Federal Airport aid to June 30, 1963 and which also authorizes the expenditures of \$100,000,000 per year by the government which is to be used for assistance to local airports. Mr. Rowlands said if Tacoma can get the approval for the Peninsula site, it probably means that the City will be able to get sufficient aid to build and airport.

Mayor Hanson said that in regard to the airport site, he received word from Thor C. Tollefson that he had set up a meeting with C A A officials for the site discussion but that it had been cancelled for last week, as it was impossible to meet with the men who are really in charge and on the recommendation of Senator Magnusson, he and Mr. Rowlands had decided against the trip until such time as a date can be fixed at a later time.

Mr. Rowlands explained that in the minutes of the Air Space Subcommittee held in Seattle, it was stated that Mr. Horning, transmitted a letter to the Air Space Committee in Washington, D.C., recommending that this would be a good case for the Air Use Panel Group, which considers factors other than just air space, such as economics, accessibility, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MC-220 - Status of Firemen's Pension Fund.

Mr. Rowlands advised that this MC was reviewed by Mr. Gaisford, he said that money will be available on a pay as you go basis to take care of foreseeable requirements during the next 3-4 year period. One mill, he said would amount to \$146,000 and that it seems highly improbable that Council would want to devote this amount to the Fund next year.

This is the date fixed for the hearing on the vacation of the walkway between Dahl Drive and North 11th Street between Bennett and Shirley Streets. 274

The notices were posted as required by law. It was reported that this vacation was initiated by the Public Works Department and is part of an agreement whereby a 10' strip of land owned by the Utilities will be dedicated for a right of way for the West End Trunk Sewer in return for the city vacating the walkway. He advised that the property will be used as a pedestrian walkway as well as a Utility right of way. Mr. Buehler also stated that the filing fee of \$100.00 had been waived by City Council on May 12, 1958 inasmuch as the property in question is to be used as a part of the West End Trunk Sewer.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston that the proper Ordinances be submitted granting this Vacation. Seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried unanimously.

This is the date to which Council continued the report of the City Planning Commission on the method of limiting the number of service stations in the City to proper standards of the Zoning Ordinance, as requested by Council on March 17, 1958.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning, explained that this hearing was set over until today at the request of Mr. P. J. Gallagher, President of the Pierce County Chapter of the Washington Gas Dealers Association, as he was not able to attend the last meeting. 313

The Planning Commission submitted a written report to Council and asked that limiting the number of service stations remain "status quo." In this report, four recommendations were set out:

1. It is recommended that the City make no change in zoning for service stations at this time.
2. It is recommended that the dealers' association again bring this matter to the attention of the City Council and Planning Commission after presentation of its program to the 1959 State Legislature.
3. If no further permissive legislation can be obtained from the Legislature, it is recommended that the association arrange for a test case on the Yakima Ordinance to determine if it can be upheld in the Courts.
4. In the interim period it is recommended that any rezoning for service station sites be carefully studied and that no rezonings be approved unless an actual need can be substantiated."

Mr. Buehler advised that they recommend that a special permit system for service stations be instituted and that it be handled through zoning methods.

Mr. L. Shaw, Northwest Representative of the Western Oil and Gas Assoc. said he was in accord with the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the limiting of service stations remain "status quo". Mr. Gallagher was not present.

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

- ✓ Tacoma Police Department report for July, 1958
- ✓ Tacoma Fire Department - Monthly report for July, 1958
- ✓ Light Division - Monthly Financial Report - June 30, 1958
- ✓ Tacoma Police Department - Traffic Division - July, 1958
- ✓ Harbormaster - Bi-annual report - January-June, 1958

Mr. Anderson reported that quite a bit of correspondence is being prepared for Council's information regarding the Sister City, and that it will be a week or two before it is ready for distribution.

Dr. Humiston requested that the City Attorney submit an opinion to Council regarding the interpretation of Sec. 6.3 of the City Charter in reference to "Organized Reserve."

Mr. Connie Ireland appeared before Council commending members of the Police Department for their speed and efficiency in answering an emergency call for a citizen who had suffered a heart attack. He especially commended Mrs. Buenger, a metermaid and registered nurse, for her capable manner in administering first aid to the citizen before his arrival at the hospital.

Mr. Easterday advised that he had received complaints from many people, particularly from the laboring class, opposing the 4:00 P.M. Council Meetings and he requested that the Council go back to their regular time of 7:30 P.M.

He explained that the majority of the laboring people cannot attend the meetings if they are held in the afternoon but could if they were held in the evening.

Mr. Anderson explained that he was the one who requested that the meetings be changed to 4 P.M. One of the objections to the 4 P.M. time was that some of the Council members felt there would not be very much of an attendance, but it appears there has been more attending Council meetings now, than had been at the 7:30 time.

Mr. Easterday requested that the Attorney prepare a Resolution for next weeks Council meeting changing the rules to provide for the City Council to meet at 7:30 P.M.

There being no further business or comments from the audience, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Attest:

Josephine Nelson
City Clerk

Ben Humiston
President of the City Council