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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, May 10, 1954

Council met in regular session. Present 7, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 2; Battin, taking his seat at 7:40 P. M.; and Stojack.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded 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 carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

RESOLUTIONS:

Frank A. Glassy, et al, requesting that a portion of South 38th Street between Pacific Avenue and South D Street be rezoned from an R-3 District to a C-1 District. Referred to City Manager.

RESOLUTIONS:

Initial Resolution No. 13908.

BY GOERING:

L. I. D. 1881.

Stating Intention of Council to order laying of sanitary or local sewers in East G Street from East 56th Street to alley between East 54th and East 55th Streets; in alley between East 54th and East 55th Streets from East G Street to McKinley Avenue; and fixing June 1st, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen 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 May 10, 1954.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Stojack.

Resolution No. 13909.

BY JENSEN:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract to George Madsen on his low bid of \$7,747.30 for replacing defective walks, curbs, skylights, gratings, covers, drains etc. on Court "A" from South 7th to South 15th Street; South Tacoma Avenue at South 14th Street; Center Street at Wilkeson; South 36th from Cushman Avenue to alley east; and McKinley Avenue from East 59th to East 60th. (Improvement No. 1, W. O. Nos. 5977 and 6017).

Adopted on roll call May 10, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13910.

BY HUMISTON:

Authorizing and empowering Frank Backstrom, City Manager, C. A. Gaisford, Director of Finance and Lyle Lemley, Treasurer, accompanied by and in the presence of each other to enter the vaults of the various banks in the City of Tacoma which hold the City's investments and bank collateral; and in case of absence or inability of any one of the above-named officials to act, any two of the above-named officials accompanied by a representative, designated in writing by such absent or disabled official, are hereby authorized and empowered to enter said vaults; and rescinding Resolution No. 13702, adopted by the Council July 20, 1953.

Adopted on roll call May 10, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13911.

GOERING:

Approving participation agreement between the Director of Public Works and M. Radke for repairs to 450 square feet of sidewalk abutting Lot 13, Block 15, Culter's Addition (east side of Union Avenue from Sixth Avenue north to alley).

Adopted on roll call May 10, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13912.

HATTIN:

Rescinding the 1954 construction program of the Public Works Department, as set forth on Page 82 of the 1954 Budget, and adopting in place of said original construction program, the proposed revised 1954 construction program of the Public Works Department, attached hereto.

Adopted on roll call May 10, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13913.

THE COUNCIL:

Expressing sympathy in the passing of the late Paul Newman, Pierce County Commissioner, and acknowledging his many civic contributions during his tenure in public office.

Adopted on roll call May 10, 1954.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15018.

Amending Ordinance No. 11701, entitled: "An ordinance regulating travel and traffic on the streets of the City of Tacoma; providing a penalty for the violation thereof, etc. (Traffic Code)" by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 119-17. (Restricted parking District, South 35th Street, both sides, between Union Avenue and Adams Street; vehicles parked parallel to curb and between 8 A. M. and 6 P. M., Sundays and legal holidays excepted, no vehicle shall be parked in said district for a longer period than one hour). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15019.

Providing for the improvement of the alley between South K Street and South L Street from South 21st Street to South 23rd Street by paving and storm drainage; creating Local Improvement District No. 4529. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15020.

Amending Sections 21 and 23 of Ordinance No. 14887 entitled: "An ordinance to be known as the Administrative Code providing for the establishment of a complete plan of administrative organization of the government of the City of Tacoma; defining the jurisdiction, functions and powers of departments, offices, boards and other units of the City; and establishing administrative procedures." and repealing Ordinance No. 11986. (City Treasury Department and Finance Department). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 15021.

Amending Sections 2 and 4 of Ordinance No. 5863 entitled: "An ordinance to prescribe the manner in which obligations of the City of Tacoma shall be paid." and repealing Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 14803. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15022.

Vacating the south six feet of East 53rd Street from East D Street to the alley between East D and East E Streets, being a six-foot strip adjacent to Lot 1 in Block 5, Station's First Addition. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15016.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793 entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts; and repealing Ordinances No. 12703, 9389 and 9598 and all amendments thereto." by adding thereto two new sections to be known as Section 8D and Section 5B (Sec. 8D- Class C-1 Commercial District- Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and N. 20' of Lot 5, Block 8829m Tacoma Land Co.'s 6th Add., and that portion of alley between South Sheridan and South M Street which abuts these lots, located at South 39th and Sheridan; and Blocks 4318 and 4319 and alley, Map of New Tacoma, located at North 12th and I. Sec. 5B- R-3 Two family dwelling district at South 39th and Tacoma Avenue). Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15017.

Appropriating the sum of \$17,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the City Street Fund for the purpose of paying for the acquisition of necessary property, property rights and privileges on South 12th Street between Proctor and Orchard Streets within the City of Tacoma. Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15012. (laid over to this date on May 3rd).

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, Pierce County, under the right of eminent domain, for the purpose of providing a site for the location of a low service reservoir and to provide a right-of-way for an inter-connecting main to the present Tideflats main. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humston, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The Clerk read a communication from the City Planning Engineer, advising that at the May 4th meeting the Planning Commission granted the Department of Utilities a special permit to construct a low service reservoir in the area bounded by South 38th and Lennox Place and East "M" and Portland Avenue. This is the area covered by Ordinance No. 15012. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; ABSENT 1; Stojack.

Finance No. 15014. (laid over to this date on May 3rd).

Prohibiting the placing or exposing of poisonous substances within the limits of the City of Tacoma; providing for exemptions; and providing a penalty for the violation thereof. Read in full and passed.

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

FINISHED 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, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Mr. Backstrom reported that he had received a letter from W. O. Glundberg, Secretary of the Metropolitan Park District, requesting an evening meeting with the City Council for the purpose of discussing the future status of the Metropolitan Park District. Council discussed the date and time for this meeting and it was decided that it would be held at 8:30 P. M. on Monday, May 17th.

A new revision of "Rules and Regulations for Motor Vehicle Wrecker and Towing Operator Licensees engaging in Authorized Police Towing", as authorized by Ord. No. 15014, passed April 26th, 1954, were submitted to Council for consideration. Mrs. Backstrom suggested that Rule 1 under the General Rules should require that all cars towed in at the request of the Police Department be stored inside a building, and not left outside, as this would be an added protection to the Police Department in cases of theft from the vehicles while they were being stored. After a discussion, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to postpone action of the rules for one week (May 17th) to allow time for further study. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Mr. Bratrud, Chairman of the County-City Building Committee, presented each Council member with a "Report of Council Building Committee Alternate Plan dated May 10, 1954", and a "Statement Relative to the County City Building Occupancy by the City of Tacoma" for their information. He suggested that the Council recess for five minutes to read and study these reports, and this being agreeable to the Council members, Mayor Tollefson declared a five minute recess. Meeting reconvened at 8:45 P. M.. Mr. Bratrud reported that the meeting which had been scheduled with the County Commissioners for Friday May 7th on the County-City Building had been postponed due to the death of County Commissioner Paul Newman, and that County Commissioner Sprinker would set the date for the next meeting. He is waiting for confirmation of this date, he informed Council, and if he thought it would be wise to have as many of the Council members attend this meeting as possible. No action was taken on the report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Tollefson advised the Council that he had received a letter from Mr. Jack Richardson, former City Police Patrolman, explaining in detail his difficulty in trying to be reinstated as a Patrolman for the City of Tacoma. In this letter Mr. Richardson stated that he would be able to meet all the qualifications for a patrolman, except running the 100 yard dash, as he would be unable to do this due to an injury sustained in the service. The Councilmembers discussed Mr. Richardson's problem, and in conclusion the letter was referred to City Manager Frank Backstrom for investigation and reply.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Attest: Joseph M. Melton  
City Clerk.

H. M. TOLLEFSON