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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P.M.

Monday, January 21, 1957

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7; Beatrud, Goering Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Anderson. Dr. Battin, taking his seat at 7:35 P. M. and Mr. Tollefson taking his seat at 7:40 P. M. Absent 0.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, 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 7; Nays 0; Absent 2.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14867: * L I D 4609:

By HUMISTON:

Fixing February 19, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 4609 - cement concrete pavement in alley between North 28th and North 29th from Junett to Cedar.

Adopted on roll call January 21, 1957
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson

Resolution No. 14868:

By BATTIN:

Authorizing and directing the Director of Public Works to execute on behalf of the City of Tacoma agreements with property owners listed herein, providing for repair of the sidewalks abutting their premises and providing for City participation pursuant to provisions of Ordinance No. 14972.

Adopted on roll call January 21, 1957
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson

Resolution No. 14869:

By ANDERSON:

Fixing February 18, 1957 as the date for hearing on petition to vacate the alley between Sixth Avenue and South 7th Street from the west line of North Orchard Street to the east line of North Shirley Street. (Petition of Wm. M. Busch - 4-19-54)

Adopted on roll call January 21, 1957
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson

Resolution No. 14870:**By TOLLEFSON:**

Accepting corrected plat entitled: "Corrected Plat of Port of Tacoma Industrial Development District First Addition" in accordance with Ordinance No. 15760. 99

Adopted on roll call January 21, 1957
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson

Resolution No. 14871:**By PERDUE:**

Approving recommendations of Chief of Police and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding to W. E. Montgomery, d/b/a/ Montgomery Motorcycle Co., the contract for furnishing three Servi-Cars to Police Department. (only bid received)

Adopted on roll call January 21, 1957
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson

Resolution No. 14872:**By PERDUE:**

Approving recommendations of Board of Contracts and Awards and Public Utility Board and awarding to Tidewater Oil Co. the contract for the annual supply of Heavy Duty Oil, and awarding contract for Series I Oil to Shell Oil Co. Mr. Jensen brought up the point that it appeared the Standard Oil Bid was low and questioned the rejecting/their bid because they failed to bid a named brand. Mr. Gaisford stated that the City had one experience in the past when a Company had submitted a bid on oil, which met the specifications, but which the City felt might have been reclaimed oil, and that this is the reason the specifications require that a bidder submit a bid on a name brand oil. Attorney McCormick stated that the Standard Oil Company had written a letter two days after the bids were opened, naming the brand of oil, but the Legal Department had already ruled their bid was not a proper bid. Roll was then called on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call January 21, 1957
Ayes 8; Nays 1; Jensen; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14873:**By BRATRUD:**

Approving recommendations of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding to Home Electric Company the contract for Prestressed Concrete Street Lighting Standards and Fittings, and for Street Lighting Luminaries, Mercury vapor Lamp ballasts and Aluminum mast arms, on its bid of \$46,389.80, plus sales tax. Attorney McCormick explained that the low bidder,

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Sather Electric Company asked to have its bid withdrawn, as an error of almost \$10,000.00 had been made. His office ruled that the bid could be withdrawn in view of the circumstances, Mr. McCormick added, and accordingly the bid was awarded to the next lowest bidder.

Adopted on roll call January 21, 1957
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14874:

By BRATRUD:

Fixing February 11, 1957 as the date for hearing on petition for the vacation of the blind end of South 20th Street extending east from the alley between South I and South J Street to the west line of Lots 1 and 2 of South 20th and I Street Replat; and rescinding Resolution No. 14861. (Petition Chas. Goranson, et al, March 7, 1956)

Adopted on roll call: January 21, 1957
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14875:

By GOERING:

Endorsing and recommending the passage by the 1957 Session of the Legislature of the State of Washington of the following proposed acts and legislation; (1) An act providing for rehabilitation, redevelopment and clearance of blighted areas in cities and towns (Urban Renewal Bill); (2) An act relating to conservation and development, providing for additional and supplemental power for state, urban, metropolitan and regional planning; (3) An act relating to regional commissions, authorizing the communications of two or more adjoining counties, cities and towns, to co-operate and to form, organize and administer regional planning commissions.

Adopted on roll call: January 21, 1957
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14876:

By GOERING:

Authorizing execution of proposed agreement between the City of Tacoma and Amsie D. Browning and John J. and Patricia Reisinger for the leasing of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 2507, Tacoma Land Company's (located at 2502 Holgate, now used by Traffic Engineering Department for their sign shop).

Adopted on roll call January 21, 1957
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14877:

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make certain transfers in the 1956 Budget:

Adopted on roll call January 21, 1957

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15794:

Vacating a portion of South 63rd Street extending from Thompson Avenue to South J Street; and retaining and reserving an easement therein for the construction, repair and maintenance of public Utilities and Services. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15795:

Amending Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10 and repealing Section 9 of Ordinance No. 12387 - Admission Tax Ordinance - (reducing admission tax to 3 1/3% of the admission charge paid. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15796:

Vacating a portion of the alley lying between G Street and Yakima Avenue from South 14th Street to South 15th Street. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15797:

Amending Section 6.21 of Ordinance No. 15751 - Compensation Plan - (0716 - Fleet and Stores Supervisor). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15798: L I D 2237:

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for L I D 2237 - cement concrete sidewalks on East 57th Street and East 58th Street from East I Street to East K Street, also on the north side of East 57th Street and on the South side of East 58th Street from McKinley to East I Street. Read by title and passed:

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

Ordinance No. 15799: L I D 2265.

Providing for improvement of South K Street from the existing walks on South 65th to 67th Street, on South 67th Street from K to L, on South L. from South 66th to 68th, by construction of concrete sidewalks; also grading and oil mat on South K Street from line of Tracts 19th and 25th, Freiday's South Side Acres,

south to South 67th Street, and on South 67th Street from K Street to L Street; creating L I D 2265. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15800: L I D 2267:

Providing for the improvement of Junett Street from South 45th Street to South 40th Street, by grading and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock oil mat; creating L I D 2267. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15801: L I D 1967:

Providing for construction of sewers starting at existing manhole at intersection of South 45th Street and Junett Street, then running north in Junett Street to a point 63 feet south of the south line of South 40th Street; creating L I D No. 1967: Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the Assessment roll for the following L. I. D's:

L I D 5266: Cast iron water main in South 56th Street from South Adams to Durango; in South Adams Street from South 56th to 64th; in South Durango from South 56th to South 58th and in South 58th from Adams to Durango.

L I D 5271: Cast iron water main in South Proctor Street from South 54th Street produced, and in South 56th Street from Proctor to Durango.

L I D 5272: Cast iron water main in South 19th Street from Lawrence Street to Adams Street

L I D 5274: Cast iron water main in "I" Street from South 76th Street to South 78th Street and in South 78th from I Street to Thompson.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that February 19th, 1957 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls.

This being the date fixed by Council for the hearing on Assessment Roll for L I D 5267, for cast iron water mains in the area bounded by North Park Way, Pearl Street, North 48th Street and Lexington Street, and on Visscher Street from North 42nd Street to North 48th Street, the hearing was held at this time. The Clerk reported that post card notices had been mailed to property owners on January 4th, 1957 and that remonstrances amounting to 1.38% had been filed against the Assessment Roll up to the time the Agenda was prepared. Mayor Anderson asked if any one in the Council Chambers wished to be heard on this matter.

R. E. Thompson, 4931 North Visscher, protested the cost as being too high.

Harry K. Aspden also said he, as well as a great number of other property owners, felt the cost of this L I D is too high. He claimed that after water meters were installed this is a metered service similar to light and gas, and repairs and replacements were the responsibility of the City, rather than the property owner, and therefore no charge should be made for this water main. Mr. Aspden said this assessment would work a hardship on many of the older residents who are living on a fixed income and have a large amount of property, which they purchased at a small cost many years ago. He said he would like to see the time extended in which the assessment can be paid, to benefit this group. Mr. McCormick advised that nothing could be done about this now, as the number of payments and the interest rate were fixed at the time of hearing on creation of the district.

Mr. Owen Hulsing, 5917 No. Park Way said he felt his property was over assessed. Mr. Benedetti of the Water Division, explained that Mr. Hulsing's property was a corner lot and a large portion came within the first zone, which is charged 45% of the cost, as set up by State Statute.

Mr. George W. Goldsberry said he had paid for a two inch watermain in 1932 and asked what was to prevent another Council ten years from now saying a ten inch main was needed. Mr. Benedetti replied that this was a permanent main and will not have to be replaced, and he promised there will never be another assessment for a watermain.

Mr. Hulsing complained that he cannot get into his garage since the water main was installed. Mr. Benedetti made a note of this complaint and promised it would be investigated.

Mr. Gordon K. Pehrson, 5014 North Whitman, asked why Whitman Street had been graded and then barricaded. Mr. Benedetti explained that this street had been opened in laying the watermain, but as it was not a permanent street, the Public Works Department did not want to maintain it. Mayor Anderson asked the City Manager to direct the Director of Public Works to look at this street.

Mr. Aspden reported that a rock, which he claimed was as big as a desk had been left in the front yard of his neighbor, Mrs. M. G. Lewis, at 5002 No. Frace, and that many sidewalks and curbs had not been repaired after the water main was completed. Mr. Benedetti said that the Water Department had turned money over to the Public Works Department to restore the streets, sidewalks and driveways to a good condition, and the reason it had not been done was, probably because of weather conditions. At the conclusion Mayor Anderson thanked the property owners for appearing before the Council. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Jensen that the remonstrances be overruled and the assessment roll be approved and confirmed. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The City Manager reported back on the communication of Mrs. Ida L. James (1-14-57) complaining of cars backing from across the street over the sidewalk in front of her home at 3201 So. Durango. Mr. Rowlands read from a report from the Director of Public Works, copies of which had been distributed to Council members. In this report Mr. Staman advised that there are no curbs and gutters and no parking strip on this street, so that vehicles are parking on what would be the parking strip at the business place opposite Mrs. James' home, and concluded by saying that the establishment of permanent curbs and gutters would immediately define the roadway and protect the sidewalk.

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

Personnel Report to Administrative Officials, for the month of December, 1956.

237 Dr. Battin stated that the meeting this noon with the Utility Board the matter of Hydrant Rental had been brought up. It was agreed that the City Manager and Utility Director would make an investigation and report within thirty days so some sort of policy might be formulated, Dr. Battin added. They also discussed whether or not some members of Council and Public Utility Board should be included, but no decision was made on this point, Dr. Battin said. This suggestion was discussed at length, and it was the concensus that Council members who have any information should make same available to the Manager. Mr. Tollefson expressed the opinion that some members of the Council who have worked on this subject might be of great assistance to the Manager. Mr. Rowlands suggested that if a joint meeting is set up, any Council member who desired could sit in on the meeting. Dr. Humiston felt that Council members who had served on the Utility Committee which was active until seven or eight months ago had a good background on this matter, and should sit in on this meeting. Mayor Anderson asked the City Manager to schedule this meeting as soon as possible and to inform the Council members of the date.

Dr. Battin advised that he had copies of the speech he delivered at the Panama City Conference last August mimeographed, and he distributed one to each Council member.

Mr. Perdue advised he has made some miniature copies of the Scrap Book used by Tacoma in the American City Contest, and offered to furnish any member of the Council a copy, if he wanted one.

Mr. Tollefson reported that he had attended the Legislature Wednesday, and stated it appeared that a favorable bill on Highways was forthcoming.

Mrs. Goering said she would like to give a word of caution for the consideration of Council members who are making speeches. She said she felt everyone should make it clear to their audience that they are giving their own opinions rather than they are reflecting the thinking of the entire Council, especially when the subject has never been before the Council.

X City Manager Rowlands submitted a report on City property in the Dock area, showing the rentals received from each tenant. He said he believed that some of the monthly rentals are not adequate and he felt the leases should be reviewed. It might be necessary to employ some real estate personnel to obtain the necessary information, Mr. Rowlands stated. The matter was discussed and the Council members expressed themselves as favorable to having Mr. Rowlands hire a profession/appraiser, if necessary.

Mr. Rowlands advised that he would have a complete report on the 6th Avenue Dock ready for next week's Council meeting. The matter will have to be resolved shortly as the County Commissioners are going to act within the next two weeks.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried Council adjourned at 9:10 P. M.

Attest:

Lois Meltzer

John H. Anderson
President of City Council