

Monday, June 20, 1955.

Council met in regular session. Present 6; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdus, Stojack. Absent 3; Battin, (taking his seat at 7:45 P. M.) Jensen, (taking his seat at 7:45 P. M.) and Tollefson. In the absence of the Mayor, Mrs. Goering, Vice-chairman of the City Council, presided.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, 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 4; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Stojack; Nays 2; Humiston and Perdus (not voting) Absent 3; Battin, Jensen, Tollefson.

**PETITIONS:**

Lloyd F. Selig, et al., for rezoning from C-2 District to a C-1 District 130 feet on either side of 6th Avenue from the Center line of Madison Street to the centerline of Proctor Street. Referred to City Planning Commission.

**RESOLUTIONS:****Resolution No. 14291.****By JENSEN:**

Accepting bid of Einar Aanes and Rannveig Aanes, for purchase of Lots 2 and 3, Blk, 47, Supplementary Map of Tacoma for \$2000 cash, and authorizing delivery of a local improvement assessment deed to said purchasers (vacant land located on steep slope facing North 31st Street west of Pine Street).

Adopted on roll call June 20, 1955.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Jensen, Tollefson.

**Resolution No. 14292.****By JENSEN:**

Authorizing private sale of all right, title and interest of the City of Tacoma acquired by local improvement district assessments for \$10.00 in cash to Westgate Inc. (vacant property at North 29th Street, east of Pearl Street). It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, 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 June 20, 1955.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

**Resolution No. 14293.****BY JENSEN:**

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute and deliver to Raleigh-Mann Co., a local improvement assessment deed to Lots 4 and 5, Block 1508, New Tacoma Addition. (vacant property located at 1510 Market Street). It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdus and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call June 20, 1955.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14294.By JENSEN:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for grading and paving with cement concrete pavement the alley between Pacific Avenue and South D Street from South 38th Street to South 40th Street, constituting L I D No. 4551 to Frank J. Roberts and Abner R. Bergersen, copartners d/b/a Concrete Construction Co. on their low bid of \$4814.25. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Perdue 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 June 20, 1955.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14295.By JENSEN:

Accepting bids of Harold E. Wick and Dagmar S. Wick and Arne E. Reyier and Edna C. Reyier for purchase of following property: Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 11, Voight's 1st Addition of \$1100.00; Lots 3 to 6 inc. in Block 11, White and Ouimette's Addition, for the sum of \$1200.00; and Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 14, and Lots 1 to 6 inc., Block 19, White and Ouimette's Addition for the sum of \$1500.00; and authorizing and directing execution to said purchasers of a local improvement assessment contract (property is vacant land located near 59th and I Street and at South 9th and Bennett). It was moved by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call June 20, 1955.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Initial Resolution No. 14296. L I D 2152.BY JENSEN:

Stating intention of Council to order grading and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock oil mat on East 30th Street from East L Street to within 15 feet of the west line of East M Street; creating L I D 2152 and fixing July 19th, 1955 as the date for heaving thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue 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 June 20, 1955.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14297.By HOOKE:

Establishing a ten minute parking zone at the corner of 6th Avenue and Tacoma Avenue in front of the Custom Cleaners and Launderette, with one parking place located on Sixth Avenue and one parking space on Tacoma Avenue. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimately on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call June 20, 1955.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

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Resolution No. 14298.

By Perdue:

Approving settlement of the claim of Flora E. Nicholson in the sum of \$915.00 for damages due to a fall on a sidewalk in front of 1210 South L Street on April 6, 1955, and authorizing the City Attorney to direct payment in said amount out of the Sundry Injuries and damages fund.

Adopted on roll call June 20, 1955.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

City Manager reported that he had two resolutions, which had been received too late for tonight's Agenda, but which should be adopted at this session.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 7, relative to filing of new matter for Council's consideration, in order to act on Resolutions Nos. 14299 and 14300. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Resolution No. 14299.

By GOERING:

Authorizing proper officers of the City to purchase a new blueprint machine for the Public Works Department, and in connection with said purchase to, if advantageous to the City, trade in the old machine as part of the purchase price, cost of said purchase, which shall not be in excess of \$2500.00 to be paid from Cumulative Reserve Fund, Capital Outlay.

Adopted on roll call June 20, 1955.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14300.

By HOOKER:

Designating Fire Dispatchers II and Fire Dispatchers I in the Communications Division of the Fire Department as nonuniformed members of the Department within the meaning of Section 47 of Ordinance No. 15106, passed September 20, 1954. (Making these employees eligible for certain paid holidays, which are observed by all regularly employed full-time employees of the City excepting uniformed ranks of Police and Fire Departments and employees of the Tacoma Belt Line Railway). The matter was discussed at length and inasmuch as these employees do not come under the Firemen's Pension Act and are not members of the Firemen's Union but instead are under the Electrical Workers Local 483, Mr. Backstrom said he would recommend the adoption of this resolution to definitely settle their status. Mr. Glenn Lawson, Chief Fire Alarm Dispatcher, was asked if this change was satisfactory to the dispatchers, and he replied that it was, as they did not want to come under the Firemen's classification. The resolution was then adopted.

Adopted on roll call June 20, 1955.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15369.

Amending Ordinance No. 15258, entitled: "An ordinance regulating travel and traffic on the streets of the City of Tacoma; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; repealing Ordinances Nos. 10598, etc." (TRAFFIC ORDINANCE) by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 183J. (1 hr. parking between 8 A. M. and 6 P. M.- North 34th Street south side from North Proctor to 3912 North 34th; North Proctor west side from North 34th Street to alley south of North 34th Street). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15354.      L I D 1933.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 1933. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 4/

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

Ordinance No. 15355.      L. I. D. 2212.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2212. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 4/

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

Ordinance No. 15356.      L. I. D. 4503.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 4503. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 4/

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

Ordinance No. 15357.      L. I. D. 2217.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2217. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 4/

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

Ordinance No. 15358.      L. I. D. 1935.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 1935. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 4/

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

Ordinance No. 15359.      L. I. D. 2209.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L. I. D. 2209. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 4/

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

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 for Pierce County, under the right of eminent domain, for the purpose of acquiring a tract of land necessary to complete the reservoir site of a low service reservoir. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. Dr. Humiston reported that he had been asked by the Utilities Department to submit an amendment to Section 3, and copies of the Ordinance as amended were submitted to each Council member for his information. It was then moved by Dr. Humiston to amend Section 3 as underlined. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson. The ordinance as amended was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Mr. Backstrom brought up the matter of the new vacation ordinance, which he had been directed to bring in at last week's Council meeting, and said he had a tentative draft of this ordinance ready, which was not on the Agenda, but could be given first reading tonight if Council wished. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 7 in order to give consideration to Ordinance No. 15370. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the proposed ordinance were then distributed to Council members.

Ordinance No. 15370.

Establishing the procedure to be followed upon applications of abutting property owners for the vacation of streets, alleys and other public places in the City of Tacoma; providing for the payment of expenses and costs in connection therewith; and repealing Ordinances Nos. 14488 and 14867 and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith. Read by title.

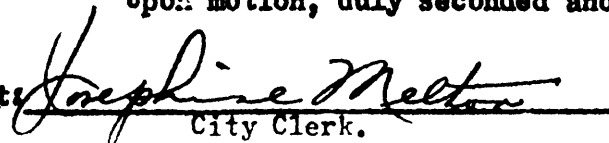
Mr. Backstrom explained the ordinance, pointing out that in lieu of the appraisal fee, which was found not valid in the previous ordinance, payment by the petitioners of an amount ascertained by the City Manager as the cost and expense to the City in the investigation of the vacation, had been substituted. Attorney Sterbick, whose client A. F. Gratzler had contended the vacation ordinance was illegal, was present and said the new ordinance met with their approval except for the fact that it made no mention of waiving filing fees in cases where a vacation proceeding had been abandoned by the petitioners because of excessive appraisal fees, as was Mr. Gratzler's case. He suggested an amendment to Section 3 to take care of such situations and Mr. Boyle expressed the opinion that it would have to be taken care of in the ordinance as it could not be waived by Council action by motion. The wording of the provision was discussed at length and was left up to Mr. Boyle to submit at next week's meeting before passage of the ordinance. Mr. Sterbick and Mr. Gratzler asked the Council to take action tonight on granting the two petitions which had been abandoned, as time was important. It was explained that this could not be done legally as a new hearing before the Council must be held, even though the processing by the various departments is eliminated in view of the fact this has previously been taken care of. Mr. Bratrud asked the City Manager to prepare a resolution or ordinance, whichever is proper, to expedite Mr. Gratzler's vacation petitions and suggested that the fees be waived.

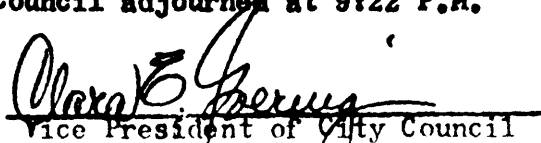
NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Goering read a letter from Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, advising that they favor the proposed amendments to the City Zoning Ordinance providing for creation of a Board of Adjustment. Placed on file.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Attest:

  
City Clerk.

  
Vice President of City Council