

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, October 26, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5: Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 4: Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday and Porter. Mr. Bratrud and Mr. Porter coming in at 4:10 P.M.

Mrs. Price moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4, Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday and Porter.

Presentation of Suggestion Awards to Joseph Fortier, of the Public Works Dept., and Leland W. Frost and Fred D. Mulholland of the Police Department.

Mr. George Smith, Assistant City Manager, explained that Mr. Joseph Fortier of the Public Works Dept. is being presented with a \$25 Suggestion Award for his suggestion that a tract for a hoist in the Municipal Shops be lengthened to convert the hoist to a multiple purpose use, which will be of great value to the Municipal Shops.

Mr. Smith also said that a \$35 Suggestion Award was being awarded to Leland W. Frost and Fred D. Mulholland of the Police Department for their very fine suggestion of combining the many forms involved in impounding an automobile into one form. This will save much paper work and also will save approximately \$350 a year for the Dept.

Mayor Hanson presented the Awards to Mr. Fortier and Mr. Mulholland. In the absence of Mr. Frost, Mr. Mulholland accepted for him also.

Mayor Hanson And Assistant City Manager, George Smith, both congratulated the recipients on their very fine suggestions.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Toney Shelton, Secretary & Business Manager of the Tacoma Public Schools, ⁴⁵⁷⁴ requesting that the filing fee of \$100.00 be waived in connection with their petition for vacation of that portion of 55th Ave N.E. abutting Lots 23 to 44 incl. in Block 18, N.E. Tacoma for the development of the N.E. Tacoma School sites.

Dr. Humiston moved that the \$100 filing fee be waived. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote was taken on the motion resulting as follows: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4, Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday and Porter.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15907

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sell at a private sale the house and garage buildings at 4535 So Thompson at the price of \$1500. ³³⁶

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Mr. George Smith, Assistant City Manager, said it was the recommendation of the Public Works Department that this Resolution be voted down for the reason that the buyer is a city employee and according to the Charter a city employee cannot buy property from the City. The Public Works Department will advertise and call for bids on this property along with other properties in the near future, he explained.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that it has been the policy

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of the Department to sell back to the owner, property bought by the Department, but in this case it happened to be a city employee., and it was not discovered until after the Resolution was drawn that he was an employee.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 0; Nays 5, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Price and Mayor Hanson; Absent 4, Anderson Bratrud, Easterday and Porter.

The Resolution was then declared lost by the Chairman.

Mr. Bratrud and Mr. Porter coming in at this time.

Resolution No. 15918:

BY BRATRUD:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to employ and compensate the necessary employees, pursuant to the provisions of Sec 1.24.720 of the Official Code of the City for a detached and independent piece of construction on the recreational and athletic field at the Snake Lake Recreational area.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Smith said that according to the City Code, if temporary employees are to be hired by the City for detached and independent construction work, it is necessary for the Council to authorize such employment by Resolution. This temporary work at the Ball Park will be only for a few days if the weather holds out, to get the ground ready for the laying of the sod for the field.

Mayor Hanson said as he understands it Milt Anderson, who is an expert in this line, will be in charge of the sod-laying and this Resolution will enable him to hire laborers. Mayor Hanson asked if any estimate was made as to how much this would cost.

Mr. Smith said if the good weather holds out, Mr. Anderson expects to lay the sod in one day. The most particular part, is making preparations for laying the sod which means fertilizing and preparing the ground. This should take three or four days if the good weather continues. He said Mr. Anderson thought that four or five men should be able to do this work in about a week's time.

Mayor Hanson said he felt it would be more agreeable to the Council if a maximum sum of money to be used for this employment were stated in the Resolution.

Mr. Bratrud then moved that the Resolution be amended to read "that the total of such expenditures shall not exceed \$2000." Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson and Easterday.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution as amended which resulted as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson and Easterday.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 15919:

BY EASTERDAY:

Awarding contract to Electric Construction Company for the furnishing of all material, labor and tools required for the street lighting projects covered under LI 6766 and 6767, in the amount of \$57,682.25 for Proposal No. 2 including sales tax which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr Perdue that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson and Easterday

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16443:

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Vacating that portion of So. Shirley Street and the alley between Shirley and Winnifred and south of Sixth Avenue. (Petition of Margaret Schoenbaechler.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading. ³⁵²

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16439:

LID 2299

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 2299 for concrete sidewalks on the north side of East 59th from I to J Streets and on both sides of 59th from J to K Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson and Easterday.

Ordinance No. 16440:

LID 2255

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2255 for the construction of sidewalks on South and East 56th Streets between Pacific Avenue and East L Streets. Read by title and passed. ^{51.201}

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson and Easterday.

Ordinance No. 16441:

LID 4553

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4553 for permanent paving on the streets in the vicinity of South K and 54th Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson and Easterday.

Ordinance No. 16442:

LID 4532

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4532 for paving of Ash Street from So. 35th to 38th; Wilkeson from 36th to 37th; So. 53rd to 55th Street from Alaska to Asotin; East 55th from McKinley to East K; East B from East 46th to 48th Streets. Read by title, ³⁶⁴

Mayor Hanson explained that there was a letter on file from Mr. James P. Healy, Attorney representing property owners of So. 53rd Street, asking that he be notified when the Ordinance on this L I D was presented to the Council. He asked if Mr. Healy was present.

He was informed that Mr. Healy was unable to attend the meeting and it was asked that the Ordinance be postponed for two weeks at which time Mr. Healy could be present.

Dr. Humiston moved that the Ordinance be postponed for two weeks. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Ray Larson speaking on behalf of the property owners favoring the improvement on 53rd Street, said they would like to see this improvement put in as soon as possible. He felt it would eventually be put in and that now would be the better time, as the rising costs will make the work more expensive as time goes on.

Dr. Humiston said in spite of his making the motion to postpone the Ordinance he would vote against it as he feels these people who are protesting the 53rd Street improvement had an opportunity to do so at the L I D hearing. At the time of the hearing there was only 34% remonstrance filed against this area which was not sufficient to eliminate it from the district. He added, that he agreed with Mr. Larson that the whole district should not be penalized as to rising costs because of the remonstrances filed by these people.

Mr. Schuster said a petition was filed today protesting the improvement of So 53rd Street which will bring the total protests to 45 1/2% on this particular area.

Roll call on Dr. Humiston's motion to postpone the Ordinance for two weeks resulted as follows: Ayes 3; Nays 4, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston and Perdue; Absent 2 Anderson and Easterday. Motion lost.

Mayor Hanson said it might be mentioned that if this Ordinance passes today, it could be reconsidered next week if Mr. Healy had some important facts to add.

Several of the property owners objecting to the improvement on So 53rd Street were present. Mrs. Nora B. Johnson residing at 5302 Asotin Street felt that an oil mat on this street would be sufficient and would cost much less. She said she was receiving a \$70.00 a month allowance and could not afford to pay the estimated \$600 or \$700 that she would be assessed.

A representative of Mrs. Thelma I. Pehl of 1677 So 53rd Street also protested the improvement on the grounds that this street does not warrant a permanent type paving as very little traffic crosses this street. It is felt that an oil mat surface would serve the same purpose for much less money.

There being no further discussion, roll was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson and Easterday.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Personnel Report for the month of September 1959.

COMMENTS:


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Mr. Smith said he would like to call on Mr. Schuster to report on the ball park equipment which was purchased last week.

Mr. Schuster explained that five loads of equipment has already reached Tacoma and will be unloaded at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday. The equipment consists of some of the bleacher seats, some of the lights and some of the structural poles. He said he did not know when the remainder of the equipment will arrive.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.


Mayor of the City Council

Attest:


City Clerk