

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, August 9, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 9; Battin, Bratrud, Coering, Hooker Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 0.

It was moved 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 seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:Initial Resolution No. 13999. L. I. D. 2211BY HUMISTON:

Stating intention of Council to order laying of an oil mat on Durange Street from South 15th Street to South 17th Street; creating L I D 2211, and fixing August 31, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full. 312

Adopted on roll call August 9, 1954.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14000.By COERING:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to purchase one 4 x 6 card file to be used in the property section of the Finance Division, at an estimated cost of \$175.00; to be paid from the Cumulative Reserve Fund Capital Outlay.

Adopted on roll call August 9, 1954.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14001.By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division to file an application with the Federal Power Commission for a license to permit the construction of a dam and reservoir on the South Fork of the Skokomish River, said development to be known as Cushman No. 3, and for the right to flood areas above said dam.

Adopted on roll call August 9, 1954.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14002.By HUMISTON:

Authorizing Board of Contracts and Awards to sell the wooden pump house located at the North End Pump Station to Robert McKeever on his bid of \$200.00 plus Sales tax.

Adopted on roll call August 9, 1954.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Resolution No. 14003.

By STOJACK:

Fixing Tuesday, September 7, 1954 as the time for hearing on the petition to vacate South Junett Street from South 38th Street to South 40th Street. (Petition A. F. Gratzner, et al- March 31, 1954.)

Adopted on roll call August 9, 1954.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Initial Resolution No. 14004. L. I. D. 2203.

By HUMISTON:

Stating intention of Council to order placing of cement concrete sidewalk on both sides of Winnifred Street from 6th Avenue to South 11th Street; creating L. I. D. 2203 and fixing August 31, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Pardue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The Resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call August 9, 1954.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Initial Resolution No. 14005. L. I. D. 4539.

By HUMISTON:

Stating intention of Council to order a gravel, crushed rock and asphaltic concrete pavement with cement concrete curb and gutter on South 39th Street from Thompson Avenue to South J Street; creating L I D 4539 and fixing August 31, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Pardue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call August 9, 1954.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15096. L. I. D. 2197.

Providing for the improvement of the alley between Sixth Avenue and North 7th Street from Prector Street to Madison Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface; creating L I D No. 2197. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15080. L. I. D. 2198.

Providing for the improvement of South 18th Street from Sprague Avenue to State Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface, together with sanitary sewers; creating L. I. D. 2198. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15081. L. I. D. 2081.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of the improvement in Local Improvement District No. 2081. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 15082.

Amending Section 622 of Ordinance No. 14892, entitled: "An ordinance to provide for licensing and regulating the operation of certain devices, vehicles and things, and the carrying on of certain businesses, callings, professions, trades, occupations and activities in the City of Tacoma; to provide for the suspension and revocation of licenses issued; to establish license fees; etc." (general license ordinance) (pertaining to markings for location taxicab stand). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15083.      L. I. D. 2200.

Providing for the improvement of South C Street from South 67th Street to South 68th Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel, crushed rock, and oil mat surface, together with cement concrete sidewalks and necessary storm drainage; creating L I D No. 2200. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15084.      L. I. D. 2199.

Providing for the improvement of the alley between North 9th and North 10th Streets from Madison Street to Monroe Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface; creating Local Improvement District No. 2199. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15085.

Providing for the making of certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing electric plant and system of the City of Tacoma; specifying and adopting a plan and system proposed therefor; declaring the estimated cost thereof as near as may be; providing for the method of financing thereof; and providing for the construction thereof. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15086.

Creating in the Treasury of the City of Tacoma a special fund to be known as the Cushman No. 3 Light Construction Fund of 1954; specifying the purpose for which said fund is created; providing for the deposit therein of the proceeds of the sale of the \$7,500,000.00 issue of Cushman No. 3 Light and Power Bonds Series "A" 1954, the \$7,500,000.00 issue of Cushman No. 3 Light and Power Bonds Series "B" 1954, and the issue of Cushman No. 3 Light and Power Bonds Series "C" 1954 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.00, to be hereafter issued; moneys advanced from current funds; and such other funds as may be appropriated to said special fund for the purpose of paying the cost of additions and betterments to and extensions of the present electric plant and system and electric power and light transmission and distribution system of the City of Tacoma as specified and adopted by Ordinance No. 15085 and appropriating the sum of \$22,500,000.00, or so much thereof, as may be necessary, from said fund for said purpose. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15087.

Providing for the issuance and sale of Series "A" and Series "B" Special Obligation Bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 each, and Series "C" Special Obligation Bonds of the City of Tacoma in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.00, to be known as Cushman No. 3 Light and Power Bonds Series "A" 1954, Cushman No. 3 Light and Power Bonds Series "B" 1954; to be issued for the purpose of making of certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the present electric power and light transmission and distribution system of the City of Tacoma as authorized by Ordinance No. 15085; and creating and establishing a special fund for payment of the principal and interest on said bonds. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Cushman No. 3 Light and Power Bonds Series "B" 1954, and

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Mr. Dean Barline, Director of Utilities; Mr. Thos. Anderson, Chairman of the Utilities Board; and Mr. H. A. Cole, Superintendent of the Light Division, were present and were asked to explain ordinances Nos. 15085, 15086 and 15087, which pertain to the construction of a new dam on the Skekewish River. Many questions were asked by the members of the Council, and all were answered satisfactorily by the three representatives of the Utilities Department.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15068.

Providing for the issuance of permits and regulating the construction and maintenance of structure, excavations and/or improvements under the streets and alleys of the City of Tacoma. Read by title. City Manager Backstrom explained to the Council that the Legal Department has advised him Section 4 of this ordinance should be changed so as to provide both a minimum and maximum fee for the annual permit required, with the minimum fee to be set at \$5.00 and the maximum at \$25.00. In accordance with the above recommendation, it was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to postpone ordinance No. 15068 until August 23, 1954 in order to make the suggested change in Section 4. Carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15069.      L. I. D. 2191.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of the improvement in L. I. D. 2191. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin (temporarily).

Ordinance No. 15070.      L. I. D. 2189.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L. I. D. 2189. 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.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin (temporarily).

Ordinance No. 15071.      L. I. D. 2195.

Providing for the improvement of the alley between North 29th and North 30th Streets from Cheyenne Street to Verde Street by grading and graveling and oil mat surface; creating L. I. D. No. 2195. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdus to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin (temporarily).

Ordinance No. 15072.      L. I. D. 8745.

Providing for the improvement of North 9th Street from North Stevens Street to North Proctor Street by the installation of ornamental street lights; creating Local Improvement District No. 8745. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdus to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin (temporarily).

Ordinance No. 15073. L. I. D. 4531.

Providing for the improvement of the alley between Ferry Street and Sprague Avenue from South 12th Street to South 10th Street by concrete paving; creating L I D 4531. 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. 252

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin (Temporarily).

Ordinance No. 15074: L. I. D. 2185.

Providing for improvement of the alley between Wilkeson and Alaska Streets from South 35th Street to South 36th Street by grading, oil mat and storm drainage; creating L I D No. 2185. It was moved by Col. Hoeker, 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. 257

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1. Battin (temporarily).

Ordinance No. 15075.

Amending Section 109-9 of 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). (Restricted parking district- that portion of the east side of South G Street from South 36th Street to South 37th Street). Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15062. (laid over to this date on August 2nd)

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. (ZONING ORDINANCE). by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 20A (transitional districts). Read by title. Motion of Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to amend the ordinance to eliminate all mortuary, funeral home and crematorium uses by striking subdivision 6- 1b on page 2; by striking subdivision 4a on page 3 and by striking subdivision 1-d on page 4. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. The ordinance as amended was then passed without having been read in full. 287

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

Ordinance No. 15063 (laid over to this date on August 2nd)

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and 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, etc." (ZONING ORDINANCE) by adding thereto two new sections to be known as Section 6A and Section 7A. ("R Residential-Commercial Transitional Districts- "R-4-T" and "R-5-T". Read by title and inasmuch as it had been voted at the last reading to suspend Rule 9, this motion was not made at this time. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that Section 1 of the ordinance be amended to designate the section created as Section 20 A-1 instead of Section 6A, and that Section 2 be amended to designate the Section as Section 20A-2 instead of Section 7A, and the title be amended accordingly. Motion carried 283

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on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. The ordinance was then passed without being read in full. Roll call ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend rule 7 in order to take up the following matter which was not on the Council Agenda. Carried unanimously on voice vote.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 15088.**

Authorizing the execution and delivery of a contract between the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Humane Society in compliance with section 3.10 of the City Charter of the City of Tacoma; providing that said Society shall operate the pounds of the City of Tacoma and enforce regulations pertaining to animals; and canceling the existing contract between the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Humane Society executed under and by authority of Ordinance No. 14115. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The City Clerk read a reply from the Pierce County Commissioners to the City's Resolution No. 13960, in which the City offered to purchase one block of the proposed site of the County City Building and to pay for a City Hall wing on a lease purchase agreement. This reply stated in brief that the County has never considered the possibility of selling any portion of the site of building to the City as this would not be feasible and would not be in accordance with the wish of the voters; that the basic plan meets all requirements and has been approved by the County Commissioners after having been examined by experts and business men; and that they would like to meet with the City representatives as soon as possible to work out the terms of occupancy in order to expedite the building. The Council members discussed the letter at length, and it was the consensus that they should meet with the County Commissioners at the earliest possible time to discuss the terms of occupancy. It was also suggested that the terms of occupancy formulated at this meeting be set forth in writing. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Stejack, seconded by Mr. Jensen, that the County Commissioners be notified that the Council approves the basic plan, contingent upon a satisfactory lease agreement, and urges them to proceed with the construction of the building as soon as possible. Ayes 2; Jensen Stejack; Nays 7; Battin, Bratrud, Coering, Hooker, Humiston, Pordue, Tollefson. Motion declared lost on roll call. Dr. Humiston then offered the following motion: "That the Council direct the County-City Building Committee to meet with the County Commissioners at its earliest possible convenience to discuss terms of occupancy." Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously on voice vote. Mr. Bratrud, Chairman of this Committee, was then asked to arrange this meeting.

Mr. Backstrom reported that Dr. Blankenship, Superintendent of the Tacoma Public Schools had contacted him with regards to the construction of some type of sidewalk on South 12th Street to serve the DeLong School children. He advised that the City Engineer's Office has submitted estimates on two different types of walks: (1) to follow the contour of the land with hand rails and barriers at strategic points at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00 and (2) to make the proper cuts and fills to construct a level walk, at an approximate cost of \$6,000, which would be in proper line for future improvement of the street. No agreement had been reached as to whether the City or the School District would pay for the improvement he added. Col. Hooker expressed the opinion that the City should cooperate with the Schools as much as possible, but he felt the Schools should pay for this improvement. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Jensen that the City Manager be instructed to contact the Superintendent of schools in order to determine whether or not the School Board will pay for the improvement and to report back to the Council on August 16th, 1954. Carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Backstrom presented C. M. No. 49, pertaining to Ord. No. 15065, Salary Range for Aast. Public Health Supervisor (part pay) together with charts showing the previous and proposed organization plan of the Health Dept. and explained the same in detail. Dr. C. R. Fargher, Director of Health, was present to answer the questions posed by the Council members relative to the staff changes in his department. Mr. Jensen reported that from his conversation with sanitation division employees, it appeared they felt that the extra Supervisor is not needed, as this would make three supervisors for ten employees. Dr. Fargher replied that more personnel is needed in the department, and that more supervisors would be required to handle the extra work. Mr. D. H. Kotler, of the Municipal Civil Service League asked Council's permission to speak on the subject, saying he did not like what was happening in the way of appointments in the Sanitation Division of the Health Department. Both Mr. Bratrud and Mr. Jensen were in favor of hearing Mr. Kotler and therefor Mr. Jensen moved to permit Mr. Kotler to speak before the Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and lost on roll call: Ayes 4; Bratrud, Humiston, Jensen, Stojack. Nays 5; Battin, Coering, Hoeker, Perdus, Tollefsen. Mayor Tollefsen explained to Mr. Kotler that this matter should come before the Grievance Committee instead of the City Council, and suggested he proceed in that manner.

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Mr. Jensen left the meeting at this time (10:15 P. M.).

Mr. Backstrom requested that a Citizens' Committee be formed, representing a cross section of business and labor, to study the proposed Bond program, for the purpose of informing the public of the need for these issues. If Council approves, an appropriate resolution could be presented on August 16th, he stated. (Stojack left the meeting at this time (10:20 P. M.) After a short discussion, it was moved by Col. Hoeker, seconded by Dr. Humiston, that a Citizens' committee be formed to study and publicize the proposed bond issues. Carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Jensen, Stojack.

Dr. Humiston made the following report on behalf of the Finance Committee, regarding the Public Administration Survey: The Committee's recommendation is to present the findings to the Council in Ordinance Form on August 23, 1954, exactly as it was presented by the Public Administration Service, with the thought that if any changes are to be made, they must be presented in the form of amendments to the ordinance.

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Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council.

Attest:

*Josephine Melton*  
City Clerk.