

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:45 P.M.

Monday, April 23, 1956

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 1; Battin.

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It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the City Clerk to each Council Member, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

PETITIONS:

Paul F. Salatino, for license for taxicab. The Chief of Police recommends this license be denied for the reason that the applicant has not made application for or been granted a taxicab stand license and it is prohibited by the license ordinance for a person to have a taxicab license without also having a license for a taxicab stand. The City Manager concurs in the recommendation. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to concur in the recommendation. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14605.

By HUMISTON:

Approving recommendations of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding to General Electric Supply Co. the contract for furnishing galvanized steel standards, luminaires, ballasts, mast arms and constant current regulating transformers for 1956 street lighting bond program on its lump sum bid of \$132,070, plus sales tax. Mr. Staman, Director of Public Works, requested that Resolution No. 14605 be postponed for one week, as the low bidder on this contract was making impact tests and would like time to complete them. He said that it would be only fair to the low bidder and, if these tests prove satisfactory, it will possibly mean a much greater saving to the City to accept the lower bid. Therefore, it was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to postpone action on Resolution No. 14605 for one week to April 30th, 1956. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 14606.

L. I. D. 1957. XBy BATTIN:

Stating intention of Council to order the laying of sanitary or local sewers in South Alaska Street from existing sewer in South 60th Street to South 64th Street; creating L I D 1957 and fixing May 15, 1956 as the date for hearing thereon.

Adopted on roll call April 23, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 14607.

L. I. D. 2247. XBy BATTIN:

Stating intention of Council to order the grading and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock oil mat on Mason Avenue from South 9th Street to South 8th Street; creating L I D 2247 and fixing May 15, 1956 as the date for hearing thereon.

Adopted on roll call April 23, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 14608.

L. I. D. 4602.

By BATTIN:

Stating intention of Council to order resurfacing with asphaltic concrete the following streets: Center Street from South 27th to South I Street; Tacoma Avenue from South 27th Street to Center Street; South 17th Street and South 19th Street from Fawcett Avenue to Tacoma Avenue; creating L I D 4602 and fixing May 15, 1956 as the date for hearing thereon.

Adopted on roll call April 23, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 14609.

By GOERING:

Directing that the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated and expended by the proper officers of the City of Tacoma from the Cumulative Reserve Fund Maintenance for the additional cost in the paving of Milwaukee Way Extension from Lincoln Avenue southerly to the northerly end of the existing interchange. Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, reported that through error this matter had been covered by a resolution when it should have been by Ordinance. He stated that the proper ordinance was being prepared for Council's action and recommended that Resolution No. 14609 be voted down. Roll was then called on the adoption of the resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 0; Nays 8; Absent 1; Battin. Resolution declared lost on roll call.

Resolution No. 14610.

By GOERING:

Authorizing and directing the Director of Highways of the State of Washington to check the plans, preliminary estimates and specifications, and perform any other work necessary to contract for work contained in Improvement No. 4593- Milwaukee Way Extension- F. A. U. -Project No. 001-3, at a total cost to the City of not to exceed \$900.00, payment to be made upon the satisfactory completion of said work and receipt of a statement of charges.

Adopted on roll call April 23, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 14611.

By STOJACK:

Accepting and approving the plat of Portland Avenue First Addition to the City of Tacoma. (Includes that portion of the former Salishan Housing Project lying between Portland Avenue and the gulch to the east and extending from East 38th to East 51st Streets. )

Adopted on roll call April 23, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 14612.

By HUMISTON:

Transferring to the O. A. S. I. Contributions Fund the following sums in the 1956 Budget: \$230 from "Pension Costs" item of Employee's Retirement Fund; \$63,100 from "Pension Costs" Item of Light Fund; \$15,000 from "Federal Social Security Item-" Water Fund, \$7,250.00 from "Pension Costs" Item- Garbage Fund; \$40,700 from "Pension Costs" item- General Fund- for purpose of paying the City's matching contributions under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act for 1955 and 1956.

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Adopted on roll call April 23, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Resolution No. 14613.

L. I. D. 5273.

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By Humiston:

Repealing Resolution No. 14599 and stating intention of Council to order installation of cast iron water mains in Pearl Street from North 26th Street to North 35th Street, in Narrows Drive from Pearl Street to North Harmon Street, in North 30th Street from Highland to Pearl, in Bridgeview from North 17th to Narrows Drive and in James Street from North 17th to Bridgeview Drive; creating L I D 5273 and fixing June 5th, 1956 as the date for hearing.

Adopted on roll call April 23, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15593. L I D 5267.

Providing for construction of water mains in the area bounded by North Park Avenue, Visscher Street, North 48th Street and Lexington Street, and Visscher Street from North 38th Street to North 42nd Street; creating L I D 5267. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15596. L.I. D. 5249.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 5249. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15597.

Authorizing the execution and delivery of a Lease and Management Contract between Tacoma Transit Company, a corporation, and the City of Tacoma, providing for the leasing by the City from the Tacoma Transit Company of its operating equipment; the management of the Transit System buses and equipment by the Tacoma Transit Company; and setting forth and defining therein the rights and duties of the parties and the terms and conditions in respect thereto. Read by title and placed in order of final reading. Dr. Humiston requested Mr. Boyle to obtain the agreement and consent of the Tacoma Transit Company to the above ordinance before Council votes on it next Monday.

Ordinance No. 15598. L. I. D. 1956.

Providing for construction of sewers in Tyler Street from manhole 40 feet south of south property line of Wright Avenue to 40 feet south of south property line of South 32nd Street; creating L I D 1956. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15599. L. I. D. 5272.

Providing for construction of a 12-inch cast iron water main in South 19th Street from Lawrence to Adams Street; creating L I D 5272. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15600.

Declaring certain slot machines, pinball machines, vending machines and devices to be a nuisance, prohibiting the keeping or maintaining for use thereof or permitting the use thereof; providing penalties for violation hereof; and repealing Ordinance No. 10468. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15601.

Amending Sections 17, 17a, 17b, 17c, 17g and 17i 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; etc." (GENERAL LICENSE ORDINANCE)-(banning pin-ball machines). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15594.

Amending Section 10 and Section 90 of 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, etc." (pertaining to Funeral Processions- Sec. 10 and Parade Regulations- Sec. 90.) Read by title. Several of the Council members stated they had questions in reference to the phraseology and language of the ordinance. Mrs. Goering said she thought that some of the wording in the Ordinance should be redrafted, particularly under the definition of "Parade" which means any procession of persons numbering more than 5 marching or walking on the street; except funeral and wedding processions. Mayor Tollefson suggested that the ordinance be postponed for two weeks to May 7th, and he asked the Council members to submit their suggested changes to Mr. Boyle, the City Manager, so that the corrections could be made before the May 7th meeting. As a result of the foregoing discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Goering, seconded by Col. Hooker to postpone Ordinance No. 15594 for two weeks to May 7th, 1956. Carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Ordinance No. 15595.

Appropriating the sum of \$6252.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the General Fund, for the purpose of installing trunk storm and sanitary sewers as a part of the West End Storm and Sanitary Trunk Sewer Systems under Regents Boulevard in the Town of Fircrest; and declaring an emergency making necessary the passage of this ordinance and the appropriation herein contained. Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14579, adopted by the City Council on March 26, 1956, for hearing on petition of Tribune Publishing Co., et al. for the vacation of Trafton and Steele from South 19th to South 23rd; South 21st from State to approximately 109' west of Steele; alley between Trafton and Steele from South 19th to South 23rd and alley between State and Trafton from South 23rd to approximately 265' North of South 21st, the Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. Also reported that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioners. The Clerk advised that a request has been received from the Tribune Publishing Co., asking that this hearing be continued to May 7th, 1956 as the officers of the Company will be in New York on April 23rd. It was then moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Stojack that the hearing be continued for two weeks, to May 7th, 1956. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin.

This being the date set by Council for the hearing on the appeal of Leo Gregorich from the denial of his petition (2-6-56) by the City Planning Commission for rezoning from R-2 District to C-1 District property at N. W. corner of North 945th and Orchard Streets, the matter was taken up at this time. Mr. A. M. Ursich,

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attorney for Leo D. Gregorich, briefed the Council on the history of the property which his client desires to have rezoned. He said that this property was formerly zoned as a Commercial district and had been used for business purposes for many years. It was rezoned as a residential area during World War II, when housing was critical and very inadequate, Mr. Ursich stated. The rezoning is being requested in order to permit the barbershop, now located across the street, to move to his building as the premises it now occupies does not have adequate sanitary facilities. Mr. Ursich disagreed with the claim made by the Planning Commission that rezoning this property will result in an increase of traffic in the area, contending that no new business will be established, since the barbershop is only moving across the street and therefore the number of vehicles using the streets will not change materially. Mrs. Virginia Baker, owner of the building now occupied by the barbershop, was present and protested the rezoning. She stated that she has had possession of the property for only a short time through an inheritance, and as soon as the estate is settled she had made plans to install proper toilet facilities. Mr. Buehler, Chief Planning Engineer, advised Council that the area one block north of Mr. Gregorich's property, at North 46th and Orchard is now zoned commercial and is adequate to accommodate additional shops and stores. Mr. Arthur Jordan, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated that new residences are being built to the south of North 45th Street and to the West of Orchard Street, which indicates there is a trend toward residential expansion in this area. Council members asked Mr. Jordan and Mr. Buehler numerous questions about the area and the reasons for denial of the petition. Several Councilmen expressed the desire to have an opportunity to view the property under consideration. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker to continue the hearing for one week to April 30, 1956. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Perdue, Chairman of the City Manager Selection Committee, asked the Council members to meet in the Manager's office following the session to study the applications for City Manager. Mayor Tollefson added that he felt this meeting tonight should be recessed so that official consideration can be given to the applications and choice of a City Manager.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council at 9:43 P. M. recessed until Wednesday, April 25th, 1956 at 8 P. M.

Attest:

Josephine Melton  
City Clerk.

Wm Tollefson  
President of City Council.