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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:42 P. M.

Tuesday, September 7, 1954.

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

It was moved by Dr. Humiston 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 Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

PETITIONS:

Ed Sorger, et al (representing 66-2/3% of property) for grading and asphalt paving of the alley between South 35th and Division Lane from South "C" St. to South "D" Street. A letter was submitted by the City Attorney, advising this petition has been filed at his suggestion, in order to form a new district to take the place of L I D 4535, which was recommended to be abandoned by the L. I. D. Committee at the hearing on August 24th because of 87% remonstrance; that shortly after the hearing date five of the protesting property owners addressed a letter to the City Engineer withdrawing their objections, which reduced the protest to 25%, and asking that the improvement proceed; and in order to facilitate matters they have prepared an ordinance providing for the formation of a new district for this improvement to be known as L. I. D. 4546, without the formality of a hearing date. The L. I. D. Committee, composed of Humiston, Chairman Jensen and Tollefson, held a short caucus and at the conclusion made a recommendation to the City Council that the petition be granted and an ordinance be presented, providing for the improvement in L. I. D. 4546. It was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Mr. Jensen to concur in the recommendation of the L I D Committee, and carried unanimously on voice vote. (See Ord. No. 15114 under first reading of ordinances).

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

A report was submitted by the L. I. D. Committee, recommending to the Council that the remonstrances of 61.1% filed at the hearing on August 31st against L I D 4539--paving, curbs and gutters on South 39th Street from Thompson Avenue to South J Street--be sustained and that the district be abandoned. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to concur in the recommendation of the L. I. D. Committee to sustain the remonstrances filed with the Clerk and to abandon L. I. D. 4539. Carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14022.

By STOJACK:

Fixing Monday, October 4th as the date for hearing on petition to vacate South 40th Street between South Union and South Tacoma Way. (Petition A. F. Gratzner, 5-7-54)

Adopted on roll call September 7, 1954.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14023.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing proper officers of City to sell five 15 Kva 2400-120/240 transformers, which are surplus, to the Town of Pacific for sum of \$262.50 plus sales tax.

Adopted on roll call September 7, 1954.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14024.By JENSEN:

Authorizing and directing execution and delivery of a local improvement assessment deed to Fred S. Berto, upon payment of \$10.00. For property located at 4202 South 7th Street. (Clear the Cloud on his title).

Adopted on roll call September 7, 1954.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14025.By JENSEN:

Authorizing and directing execution of a local improvement assessment deed to Kirby P. Hickey for lots 22 and 23, Block 1, Defiance Park Addition (located at 5002-4 North Pearl) upon payment of \$10.00 (to clear cloud on his title).

Adopted on roll call September 7, 1954.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14026.By STOJACK:

Authorizing the City Planning Commission of the City of Tacoma to cooperate and aid in the formation of a regional planning commission composed of adjoining counties, to be known as the "Puget Sound Regional Planning Council", pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44 of the Session Laws of the State of Washington for 1935.

Adopted on roll call September 7, 1954.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14027.By JENSEN:

Approving the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract for L I D 2158--for grading and surfacing East E Street from East 46th Street to East 48th Street and concrete sidewalks on east side of East E Street from East 46th Street to a point approximately 150 feet north of East 48th Street to Kendall Construction Co. on its low bid of \$2,432.25.

Adopted on roll call September 7, 1954.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14028.By BATTIN:

Setting forth the specific improvements to be made from the funds provided from the bond issue for improvements to the street lighting system, which are the same as those detailed in the original draft of Ordinance No. 15077. It was moved by Dr. Humiston 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 September 7, 1954.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14029.By BATTIN:

Setting forth the specific improvements to be made from the funds provided from

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the bond issue for street and bridge improvements, which are the same as those detailed in the original draft of Ordinance No. 15078. It was moved by Col. Hooker to suspend rule 9. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The Resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call September 7, 1954.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Initial Resolution No. 14030. / L. I. D. 1929.

By JENSEN:

Stating intention of Council to order laying of sanitary or local sewers in the alley between East 61st and East 62nd Street from East B Street to East D Street; creating L I D 1929 and fixing September 28, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston 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 September 7, 1954.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15112. L. I. D. 2203.

Providing for improvement of both sides of Winnifred Street from Sixth Avenue to South 11th Street by construction of cement concrete sidewalks thereon; creating L I D 2203. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15113. L. I. D. 2211.

Providing for improvement of Durango Street from South 15th Street to South 17th Street by laying an oil mat thereon; creating L. I. D. 2211. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15114. L. I. D. 4546.

Providing for improvement of the alley between South 35th Street and Division Lane from South C Street to South D Street by grading and placing thereon an asphaltic concrete pavement; creating L I D 4546. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15108. L. I.D. 4536.

Providing for improvement of Fawcett Avenue from South 36th Street to South 37th Street by grading, paving, curbs and gutters and storm drainage; creating L. I. D. 4536. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15109. L. I. D. 2206.

Providing for improvement of South G Street from South 68th Street to South 70th Street by grading, oil mat surface and concrete sidewalks; creating L. I. D. 2206. 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.

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

Ordinance No. 15110. L I D 5236.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improve-<sup>274</sup>ment in L I D 5236. 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.

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

Ordinance No. 15111. L I D 4532.

Repealing Ordinance No. 15058 of the City of Tacoma (passed July 26, 1954 creating L I D 4532 providing for grading and paving South 54th Street from Sheridan Avenue to M Street). Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15106. (laid over to this date on August 23, 1954.)

Adopting the pay or compensation plan as contemplated by Section 6.9 of the<sup>307</sup> City Charter; prescribing the salaries to be paid to nonelectrive officers and employees<sup>113</sup> of the City; establishing the positions of the various departments of the City government; fixing the effective date of this ordinance; and repealing Ordinances Nos. 12692, 12825, 12994, 13169 and 14967, and all amendments and additions thereto and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith. Read by title. Mr. Backstrom, City Manager, reported to Council that he had not had an opportunity to meet with the Finance Committee of the Council to discuss the proposed Compensation Plan, but he would like to hold this meeting this week. If the Proposed Compensation Plan is adopted by the Council, it should be adopted before the 20th of September, so that it can be incorporated in the preliminary budget, which must be adopted by the Council on that date, he said. Mr. Ketler, Secretary of the Joint Labor Committee, asked that the Executive Committee of the Joint Labor Committee be allowed an opportunity to meet with the Council of the City Manager relative to the Compensation Plan and the 1955 Budget. The Committee is asking that the salaries of all employees be increased 5% over the rates set forth in the Survey report, he added. Mr. Backstrom replied that he would be glad to meet with the Committee and asked that Mr. Ketler arrange with him for the date. After further discussion it was moved by Dr. Humiston to postpone the ordinance for one week to September 13, 1954. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14003, adopted August 9, 1954, for hearing on Petition of A. F. Gratz, et al (9-31-54) for vacation of South Junett<sup>27</sup> Street from South 38th Street to South 40th Street, the Clerk reported the posting of<sup>246</sup> the notices required by law and the filing of the affidavit of such posting. Also reported that the fees required, with the exceptions of the appraisal fee, had been paid by the petitioners. A letter from the Director of Public Works was read in which he reported that he had been informed by the Tacoma Real-Estate Board that the appraisal for this vacation had been delayed, and asked that the proceedings be postponed until September 20th for final action. The Clerk also reported that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that the hearing be continued to September 20th, and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Mr. Jensen called attention to Resolution No. 13912, adopted by the City Council on May 10th, which revised the 1954 Construction Program of the Public Works Department, and stated that as yet no report had been presented regarding the status of this program, and he would like to see a report from the City Manager on the progress being made. Mr. Backstrom promised the Council that he would submit a report at the next meeting covering the progress on the 1954 Construction Program of the Public Works Department.

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Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Bratrud, Chairman of the County-City Building Committee, for a report on the progress of the negotiations with the County as to the "Terms of Occupancy" for the County-City Building. Mr. Bratrud replied that he had not heard from the County Commissioners, but that he was of the opinion that the County Prosecutor's office had contacted our attorney to discuss these terms. Mr. Boyle stated he had received no word from the County Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Bratrud said that he would check with Mr. Sprinker and have a report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom, City Manager, presented the Proposed Preliminary Annual Budget for the year 1955, and explained the various divisions of the budget. Mr. Backstrom asked the Council members if they would like to have the Department Heads come to the Council meeting to explain their 1955 Budget Estimates. The Council discussed the matter and it was the consensus to have the Department Heads appear at the meeting next Monday for this purpose. The Budget was discussed as a whole and many questions were asked. Mr. Bratrud asked if money could be saved by installing another system to replace the I. B. M. Billing now in use. Mr. Gaisford replied that the Auditors are checking this particular item, and that a report would be forthcoming before the preliminary budget is adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council.

Attest:

Josephine Melton  
City Clerk.