

Monday, February 15th, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 9; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, 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 Dr. Humiston and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMORIALS:

Col. N. A. Matthias, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, acknowledging receipt of copy of Resolution No. 13849, requesting the District Engineer to make a survey of City Waterway, Tacoma Harbor, with a view to deepening it to at least 30 feet at mean lower low water; giving a history of the Federal project for the improvement of this waterway authorized by River & Harbor Act of June 13, 1902, which limited the dimensions, and stating the Corps of Engineers has no existing authority for dredging the waterway to a depth of 30 feet in view of this act; and outlining usual procedure to be followed in securing authorization for additional harbor improvement. Referred to City Manager.

Tacoma Junior Chamber of Commerce, extending a cordial invitation to each member of the City Council to attend a no-host dinner at the New Yorker Restaurant, February 18th, honoring the "Young Man of the Year". Placed on file.

Mrs. A. A. Price, President Tacoma Council of Parents & Teachers, advising that at their regular meeting on February 4th they recommended that a City ordinance be passed making it illegal for dogs to be allowed on school playgrounds without leash, and if dogs are picked up, that a fine be imposed (an ordinance similar to the one now covering City Parks). After discussion by the Council, it was moved by Col. Hooker to refer the communication to the School Board for their recommendation. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and lost on roll call: Ayes 2; Battin, Hooker; Nays 7, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 0. The communication was then placed on file.

Paul V. Better, Executive Director U. S. Conference of Mayors, reporting that on February 8th, the House Ways and Means Committee repudiated its action of January 20th, proposing federal taxation of certain municipal securities, as a result of official protests from cities in all sections of the nation and attorneys general of many states. Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13855.

By HOOKER:

Authorizing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to settle the lawsuit of Ralph Willett and Maud Willett vs. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Cause No. 120465 in sum of \$1,000.00; and that payment of said sum is to be made at the direction of the City Attorney from the regularly established fund for that purpose; and that the settlement is for the best interests of the City of Tacoma; and that the City Council of Tacoma hereby approves said settlement.

Adopted on roll call February 15, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Resolution No. 13856.

By HOOKER:

Renewing contract between the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Humane Society, entered into pursuant to Ordinance No. 14437 of the City of Tacoma, effective January 1, 1954, and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 1954.

Adopted on roll call February 15, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Initial Resolution No. 13852. (laid over to this date on February 8th)

FOR PAVING IMPROVEMENT

L. I. D. No. 4445

INITIATED BY THE COUNCIL:

Stating intention of Council to order widening and resurfacing the pavement on 16/ South Union Avenue to a width of 42 feet from South 12th Street to South 15th Street; 16/ and fixing March 2, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon: (Rule 9 suspended with reference to this resolution on February 8th). Director of Public Works Morris was present, as requested by Council at last meeting, and explained the proposed local improvement in detail, and stated this is one of the projects listed in the Budget under the 1954 Proposed Construction Program. He also informed Council about various other proposed improvement projects included in this program in the 1954 Budget. Roll was then called on the adoption of the resolution, after motion of Mr. Stojack to change the date set for hearing from March 2nd to March 16th, 1954. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Adopted on roll call February 15, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 14978.

Amending Ordinance No. 14093 entitled: "An ordinance adopting as the Major Street Plan for the City of Tacoma, the Major Street Plan set forth, described and illustrated in detail in the report of the Planning Consultant for the City Planning Commission adopted by the Commission on January 16, 1951." by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 2. (Limited Access Highway from Narrows Bridge to connect with the State Inter-regional Freeway). Read in full, and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works submitted the assessments and assessment rolls for the cost of the improvements in Local Improvement Districts Nos. 2181 and 1922. It was moved by Dr. Humiston that March 16th, 1954 be fixed as the date for hearing on said assessment rolls. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; absent 0.

City Attorney Boyle reported to the Council that he had received a copy of an 113 order in Cause No. U-8663 before the Washington Public Service Commission, entitled Washington Public Service Commission, complainant vs The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, respondent, which sets forth in detail the report and findings of the hearing held before the said commission on the Telephone Company's request for increase in telephone rates. If the City wishes to file an appeal from the Commission's decision in granting the Telephone Company's request, it must do so by the 11th of March, he added.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following motion was made by Dr. Battin: "I move that the Council go on record as declaring its stand in regard to the Public Utility Board and the future development of power by the City of Tacoma as follows: (1) In the purpose and spirit of the City Charter, the City Council does not now, and in the future does not intend to interfere with the policy or the administration of the Public Utility Board in its management of the Utilities. (2) The City Council will do everything in its power within reason and the law to support the Public Utility Board in its efforts to promote the expansion of Tacoma's electric power production facilities." Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Mayor Tollefson reported he had received a letter from Mr. Backstrom, City Manager, regarding the March 8th meeting, in which he explained that the Tacoma Philharmonic Concert was scheduled for 8 P. M. on that date, and he wondered what the wish of the Council would be toward their regular meeting time on that evening. It was moved by Mr. Stojack to convene the Council meeting at 7 P. M. on March 8th. Motion seconded by Col. Hooker. Mr. Bratrud then moved to amend the motion to have the meeting convene at 6 P. M., which was seconded by Dr. Battin. Roll was then called on the amendment, which resulted as follows: Ayes 3; Battin, Bratrud, Tollefson. Nays 6; Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen Perdue, Stojack (Perdue and Stojack not voting). Motion declared lost on roll call. Roll was then called on the original motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Goering, Hooker, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Nays 3, Battin, Bratrud, Humiston. Absent 0.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council.

Attest:

Josephine Nector
City Clerk.