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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**City Council Chambers, 7 P. M.
Tuesday, May 16, 1961**

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 2, Cvitanich and Steele.

Mr. Easterday said he has heard that Mr. Cvitanich is in St. Joseph's Hospital and would like to move that Mr. Cvitanich be excused from this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson said he knew that everyone is concerned about Mr. Cvitanich's condition. He has requested that his secretary send flowers from the Council along with a card wishing his early recovery.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of May 2, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mrs. Price said she would like to make a correction on page 2 in the 5th paragraph where Mr. Graham explained that the examiners are employed under the State Statutes. The minutes state that their salary is paid by the City, and the City is reimbursed by the State. This should be corrected to read that their salary is paid by the County and the County is reimbursed by the City.

Discussion was held on whether or not Mr. Graham did actually say that the salary was paid by the County. Mr. Bott then moved that the minutes be corrected to reflect the proper method in which the examiners are paid. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Voice vote was then taken on the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Presentation of suggestion award to William G. Koenigslieb of the Public Works Dept.

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Koenigslieb developed a new technique for reducing the wear to the driving mechanism on street sweepers by replacing a metal shield with a rubber shield, thereby protecting the moving parts from the metal shield. As a result, he added, the Suggestion Award Board has recommended that a \$25.00 award be given to Mr. Koenigslieb.

Mayor Hanson presented the \$25.00 award to Mr. Koenigslieb. Mayor Hanson and Mr. Rowlands congratulated Mr. Koenigslieb on his very fine suggestion which will a saving to the City.

Resolution No. 16532 (postponed from the meeting of April 18, 1961)

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute the agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 483, concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor of Light Division Electrical Workers.

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

Mr. Benedetti said this agreement is mutually satisfactory to the Dept. of Utilities and also to the union representatives. Briefly this provides for a 4.15% increase in the basic wage and puts the City's electrical workers on a par with other similar positions in the general area.

Mr. Bott asked how this affects the 3 or 6 inspectors.

Mr. Benedetti said they are included in this agreement and receive only the normal increment increase. There had been a request that they be given somewhat over and above the normal increase, but further meetings determined that they should receive only the normal increase.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16555: (postponed from the meeting of May 9, 1961)

Recommending that the City Council make all the necessary arrangements for a running audit by an independent firm of certified public accountants.

Mr. Bott said he has found that it is possible that further information can be obtained on this matter and moved that this Resolution be delayed for one week until May 23 until this information is forthcoming. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mayor Hanson said he also thought it would be proper to delay action on the Resolution until Mr. Cvitanich who proposed the Resolution returns.

Voice vote was taken on the motion. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 16562:

Fixing Monday, June 26, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing for L I D 3521 for sanitary sewers in Highland & Winnifred Streets from So. 12th to 19th Sts.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16563:

Fixing Monday June 12, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 5330 for water mains in 41st and 43rd Sts., N. E. from 45th to 49th Ave. N. E.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16564:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement increasing the compensation to be paid by the Federal Government to the City of Tacoma under contract dated Oct. 3, 1944, for the City of Tacoma to construct a 110 KV woodpole transmission line between the Government's Tacoma Substation and the City's Tideflats Substation.

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

Mr. Benedetti explained that in 1944 the City of Tacoma entered into an agreement to construct a transmission line between the Government's Tacoma Substation and the City's Tideflats Substation. Under this agreement the Government would reimburse the City over a 20 year period for the cost involved, together with the operation and maintenance cost of these lines. The amendment proposed by this Resolution to the original agreement is brought about by the United States Government adopting a new whole dollar accounting and billing system which will adjust the annual payment from \$3150.57 to \$3156.00. He added, the amendment is merely a matter of accommodation to the Government.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16565:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an amendment for an extension of sixty days from May 20, 1961 to the agreement with the Ohio Ferro-Alloys Corp., for the sale of electric power and energy.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16566:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the N. P. Railway Co., for the construction of storm sewer lines in the vicinity adjacent to Wakefield Drive from J to Cushman Avenue.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16567:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a quitclaim deed to the State of Washing. Dept. of Highways in the amount of \$175.00 for property located on the north and south side of East 28th St. between East N and M Streets.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that the City acquired this right of way in 1943 for \$10 and has no further use for the property. He said this property is now needed by the State for its Primary Highway System #1 and since the State is willing to pay the appraised price of \$175.00, it is recommended that this be approved.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16568:

Amending Resolution No. 16507 with reference to the agreement with the Disabled American Veterans, Harmony Chapter No. 18, providing for the parking of automobiles at the Baseball park.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Rowlands explained that last year the Disabled American Veterans netted approximately \$850 from the entire season's operations. The State Legislature has levied the 4% sales tax on parking lots and parking garage operations. Consequently when 25 cents is collected for parking at Cheney Stadium, 1 cent of that 25 cents must go to the State. Therefore, it is recommended at this time that the 24 cents be given to the Disabled American Veterans and they will have to pay the 1 cent to the State.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16569:

Authorizing the proper officers to execute a written agreement with Donald McGoldrick, M. A. I. for an appraisal report for certain parcels of land located within the Center Street Urban Renewal area.

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

Mr. Rowlands said out of the 8 parcels of land involved in this Resolution, 6 are new parcels for which appraisals had to be made and 2 are severences. He called attention to the sheet entitled "Summary of Appraisal Proposals" and noted that of the (5) submitted, Mr. McGoldrick's was the lowest for \$675.00.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16570:

Accepting certain offers to sell Real Property situated within the Center Street Urban Renewal Project designated project No. Wash. R-1.

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

Mayor Hanson asked what percentage of acquisition does this represent.

Mr. Rowlands said the City has acquired approximately 80% of the property. The properties that remain are mostly improved properties, buildings that have to be disposed of.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16571:

Awarding contract to Sound Battery Company for the furnishing of Storage Batteries for the calendar year 1961 for the General Government and the Dept. of Public Utilities.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16572:

Awarding contract to Morris Construction Co. , for Improvement No. 3024-D in the amount of \$38,720.75 plus tax which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Rowlands said this is considerably under the Public Works' estimate. However, there are a number of sidewalks involved in this particular bid and a better bid was received than anticipated.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16573:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co., Inc. for L I D 4689 in the amount of \$36,270.12 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16810:

Amending the Pay and Compensation plan by amending Sections 1.12.510, 520, 530 and 590 to conform with the Electrical Workers' agreement. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16811:

Amending the Pay and Compensation plan by amending Section 1.12.290, 330 and 600 in reference to changing the pay period of the members of the Fire Service to a biweekly method of payment, effective June 2, 1961. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this procedure of paying every 15 days was put into effect about two years ago by the City Council because of the Minimum Wage 40 hour week Act and the constitutionality hadn't been tested at that time. He added, since the constitutionality was tested and declared invalid, there is no reason why the bi-weekly pay method should not be reinstated. From the standpoint of the Personnel and Finance Dept. it is requested the change be made.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16801:

Amending Sections 1.12.670 & 690 of the Official Code of the City to establish procedures in presenting Suggestion Awards. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said this appears to be an improvement over the present policy although the \$25.00 bonus for 3 suggestions, all of which save countless dollars over the years, is perhaps a little too modest. He said he would be in favor of making this \$100, especially when the encouragement might result in a greater savings.

Mr. McCormick said these amendments were the result of a joint meeting between the Suggestion Board of the Utilities as well as that of the General Government. Mr. McCormick suggested if the \$25.00 is raised to \$100 that the Boards should be advised of this before it is approved.

Mr. Bott said his personal opinion is that this is not a reward given with respect to the amount of the value of the suggestion, but merely a recognition of the fact of something better than a certificate; and he did not think that the amount necessarily should govern their appreciation. He said a certain news commentator on his noon broadcast took the City Council to task for even proposing that anyone be rewarded for any suggestions of improvements. The feeling seemed to be that they were paid to do the job. He would like to say at this time that he certainly did not subscribe at all to that idea, and thought it was the least the City could do was to express its appreciation for outstanding suggestions.

Mayor Hanson said he knew these people would come forward with these suggestions even if there were no recognition, but it has been proven in other areas that this does give additional incentive by way of official approval for coming forward with suggestions for improvements.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out in the past under certain jurisdictions, it was customary for supervision and management to tell the employees when they wanted any ideas they would ask for them. It has been the philosophy of the City Council and the Management at the present time to encourage individuals on the job to submit their ideas. As a result, there has been very fine response and he felt the suggestions that have been presented are over and above the normal routine expected of employees.

Mrs. Price said this is quite a common practice in private industry as well as in other municipalities.

Mr. Murtland said he was not certain that he would be in favor of the \$25.00 additional bonus given to any employee receiving three awards. He was in favor of the present award allowed and would certainly not want to reduce it or change it, but if there is going to be some additional award given because of three prior awards, it should not be a large amount.

Mrs. Olson asked if under Paragraph "D" on page 2 where it is stated "Any employee who has received three successive monetary awards...", does it mean, successive without anyone else having received one in between, or

does it mean three awards.

Mr. Rowlands said the intent was just three awards. Perhaps the words "successive" should be stricken.

Mrs. Olson moved that the word "successive" be stricken from paragraph "D". Seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance as amended, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 2, Cvitanich and Steele.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16802:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2295 for an oil mat surface on Orchard St. from So. 19th to No. 9th and concrete sidewalks abutting individual property. Read by title.

Mr. McCormick explained that this Resolution should be postponed for one week as the appraisal report has not been received which was requested in reference to the Claim filed against the City for damages to the property.

Mr. Bett moved that the Ordinance be postponed for one week until May 23rd, 1961. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 16803:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 3512 for sanitary sewers in Skyline Drive from No. 18th to 24th; Hawthorne Drive from No. 18th to No. 24th; No. 18th from Hawthorne to Skyline Drive. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Steele.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16804:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4544 for permanent paving on Oakes St. from So. 15th to So. 19th and in the vicinity of North 7th and Mullen Sts. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Steele.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16805:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4553 for permanent paving on streets in the vicinity of So. K and 54th Streets. Read by title.

Mr. Bott remarked that the minutes of the L I D Committee stated that Mr. Lars Larson was present at the meeting and did not object to the assessment, but said the workmanship was faulty. It was requested by the Committee that Mr. Calkins, City Engineer look into the matter. He asked if this had been complied with.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works' Director, said this has been taken care of to Mr. Larson's satisfaction.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Cvitanich and Steele

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16806:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for permanent paving for L I D 4665 on dEast "B" from East 46th to East 48th Streets. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent, Cvitanich and Steele.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16807:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5323 for cast iron water mains in the area bounded by No. 24th, Hawthorne Drive, No. 17th and Skyline Drive. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent, Cvitanich and Steele.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16808:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5332 for cast iron water mains in Mildred St., from No. 17th to No. 24th; No. 24th from Mildred to Hawthorne Drive; No. 17th from Mildred to Lexington; No. 23rd from Mildred to Lexington; in Lexington from No. 17th to No. 23rd Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent, Cvitanich and Steele.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16809:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6784 for ornamental street lights on So. 54th from Pacific Avenue to So. G; So. 53rd from Pacific Avenue to South D Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Steele.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Fire Department for the Month of April 1961.
- b. Report from the Beltline Division for the month of March 1961.
- c. Report from the Light Division for the month of March 1961.
- d. Annual Report from the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said the Council received a notice from Mr. Meredith who is Secretary of the Tacoma Chapter of the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants inviting the Council to attend a meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30 P. M. in Lakewood at the Terrace Restaurant to hear their views on the Audit program. He added that Mr. Gaisford, City Finance Director, will present the City's views on the matter.

Mr. Rowlands mentioned that this is "Clean-up, Paint-up Week. He said this Saturday at the City's Sanitary Land Fill area the Junior Chamber of Commerce will put on its annual program encouraging everyone to clean up around their homes and business places by cleaning up any rubbish that may be laying around. A few prizes will be given and refreshments will be served for those participating in the program, he added.

Mr. Rowlands said there was an article in the Sunday News Tribune also, indicating the days the City would pick-up any of this extra refuse collected by the residents. If anyone is in doubt, a call to the Maintenance Division will clarify the dates. He also asked the Reporter to publish this information again.

Mr. Rowlands said the Municipal Finance Officers Association will be meeting in Seattle, Washington from May 21, to 25th. They are anticipating some 1400 delegates to this conference. Some of the subjects are very timely, he added. A Copy of the programs has been distributed for the Council's information. He explained if any Council member wishes to attend any of the meetings, arrangements can be made to take them over.

Mr. Rowlands said he mentioned to the Council several weeks ago the conferences to be held in this area within the next two months. The principle meeting, of course, is the Association of Washington Cities Conference to be held June 7, 8 and 9th in Seattle. Reservations have been made for the Council for this occasion.

Mayor Hanson asked if the Council members would adjourn to the Conference Room for a discussion involving personnel after the Council meeting. He said he believed Mr. Bond also had a report with regard to a proposed contract that he has given to the Council for action in the future.

Mayor Hanson said with reference to the American Municipal Association Convention to be held in August, Bob Jones who is in charge of the arrangements, invited Tacoma to participate by providing representative samples of Tacoma's industries. He said if any Council member has any further suggestions they will be appreciated. He said a cruise on the Sound is planned as well as tours of Mt. Rainier for those who wish to make that trip. There are a great number of plans being devised. He felt that this will be one of the biggest and most successful Municipal Association Conventions.

Mr. Bott mentioned that the Lions will be having their convention in Tacoma this week.

Mayor Hanson said Mr. Porter has suggested since there will be two representatives from this area attending the Dakota Territorial Centennial in Redfield, South Dakota on June 5th and 6th, that the City of Tacoma appoint these two persons as the City's Ambassadors to invite the Dakotans to visit Tacoma if they attend Century "21", and also to present the best wishes of the City and the Key to the Mayor of Redfield.

Mr. Porter said he attended the Allied Arts annual meeting Monday night and accepted on behalf of the Council a citation. He said he thought this was given to the Council because of the open space left at the escalator site on Broadway. He said he also received many suggestions from the members of the Allied Arts Group for the use of the open area beside the escalade.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Porter and said the Council will indicate its appreciation of this Allied Arts Tacoma Inc. Annual Civic Achievement Citation Award-Tacoma City Council-1961.

Mr. Porter mentioned that Mrs. Price and Mrs. Olson also attended the meeting Monday night.

Mayor Hanson said that names of the Sister City Committee and the Beautification Committee were enclosed in the 2nd Agenda. He said he

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intends to contact each member and inquire if they are interested in continuing on the Committee before presenting any names to the Council for approval. He urged the Council to present any names of those interested in serving on the Committees.

Mayor Hanson said he would like to ask for the confirmation of the appointment of Dr. John Moore as Chairman of the Sister City Committee. 348

By motion of Mr. Easterday and seconded by Mr. Murtland, the following Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 16582:

Appointing Dr. John Moore as Chairman of the Sister City Committee.

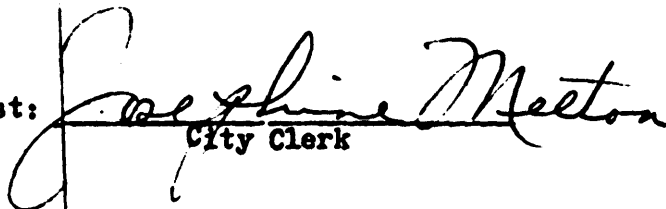
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest:



City Clerk