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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:45 P. M.

Monday, March 26, 1956.

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

Dr. Humiston pointed out that the statement attributed to him in the discussion of the County-City Building Ordinance at the last Council meeting (page 339) was incorrect as it should have read "he feels the Council would be violating the intent of the State Law, etc." and he moved the minutes be amended by inserting the words "the intent of" in his statement. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the City Clerk to each Council member, be approved as amended and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION No. 14579.

By STOJACK:

Fixing April 23, 1956 as date for hearing on petition to vacate the following streets and alleys: South Steele Street from South 19th Street to South 23rd Street; alley between South Steele and South Trafton from South 19th to South 23rd; South Trafton between South 19th and South 23rd; South 21st between South State and Tribune Publishing Co. owned portion of Allenmore Golf Course; Alley between South Trafton and South State from North line of Lot 17, Blocks 13 and 14, Hayden's Addition to South 23rd Street. (Petition Tribune Publishing Co., et al). 370

Adopted on roll call March 26, 1956.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14580

By BATTIN:

Urging Congress of the United States to pass the Fallon-Boggs Bill as soon as conveniently possible, which creates and establishes a Federal Highway Program, and urging Representatives in Congress Thor C. Tollefson and Bon Magnuson to support said bill. Dr. Humiston stated he again raised the question whether Council should endorse any particular bill in Congress without first examining it thoroughly. Mr. Jensen said the passage of this bill represents a considerable amount of money which will be made available to the State of Washington over a 10 year period and he felt the Council should endorse the Bill, as it will help cities and counties as well as the State. The Council was briefed by Myron Calkins, City Engineer on the Fallon Bill, which outlines the Federal Highway Program, and the Boggs Bill, which outlines the method of financing, and stated it is contemplated these two bills will be joined and presented to the House of Representatives as one bill in the very near future. The method of financing as set forth in a similar bill in the last session of Congress was highly controversial, so the bill was lost. Since that time the two parties have gotten together and the proposed Fallon-Boggs bill is the outcome, and it is fairly acceptable to all sides, Mr. Calkins added. The last bill was defeated because there was a concerted effort by those against the bill, so this time they have been urged to let Congress know they favor it, Mr. Calkins said. Dr. Humiston said he did not think it was a question of whether we want a Federal Highway Program, but rather whether we want to approve a financing method we know nothing about. Mayor Tollefson reported this matter came up at the A M A Convention in Miami and action was taken by that body to back a Federal Highway Legislation bill, but not any particular bill, and similar action has been taken by the Association of Washington Cities. He thought perhaps the resolution 351

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should be redrafted to read to support a Federal Highway Program, which will give adequate protection to cities in the removal or relocation of utilities if re-routing a highway made this necessary, the Mayor said. Dr. Humiston and Col. Hooker both stated they had no objection to endorsing the action of the American Municipal Association and the Association of Washington Cities, which approved a Federal Highway program, but were opposed to endorsing a special bill of which they knew nothing. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, that the resolution be tabled for one week (to April 2, 1956). Motion carried on roll Call: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Jensen; Absent 0; Mayor Tollefson directed that a substitute resolution endorsing a Federal Highway program be prepared by the Legal Department for next week's meeting.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15573.

Adopting a program for the expenditure of funds received during the year 1955, in excess of estimated revenues; and appropriating funds so received for the making of expenditures in the budgetary classes of Salaries and Wages, Maintenance and Operation and Capital Outlay by the various departments of the City. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15574. L. I. D. 5270.

Providing for construction of a six-inch cast iron water main in East B Street from East 58th Street to East 60th Street; creating L I D No. 5270. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15575. L. I. D. 5246.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 5246. (water mains in South 72nd from I to Sheridan; in Sheridan from South 68th to South 72nd; in M Street from South 68th to South 72nd; in South 68th from J Street to M Street, and in L Street from South 68th to a point approximately 814 feet north of north line of South 68th). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15569.

Amending Section 14 of Ordinance No. 14980, as amended, entitled: "An ordinance relating to the Municipal Water Supply System of the City of Tacoma; regulating the use of water therefrom; providing for the sale of same, etc." (Relative to fees for Water Service Connections). Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15570.

Repealing Ordinance No. 14930 entitled: "An ordinance authorizing the employment of certain individuals, firms or corporations, conducting business establishments in various convenient locations in the City, for the purpose of receiving payment of amounts due the City on account of its charges for utility services; and fixing the compensation to be paid such agencies and the conditions under which the same shall operate." Read by title and passed.

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

**Ordinance No. 15571.**

Authorizing employment of certain individuals, firms or corporations, conducting business establishments in various convenient locations both within and without the corporate limits of the City of Tacoma for the purpose of receiving payment of amounts due the City on account of its charges for utility services; and fixing the compensation to be paid such agencies and the conditions under which the same shall operate. Read by title and passed.

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

**Ordinance No. 15572, L I D 4585.**

Providing for improvement of East 60th Street from East B to East F by grading, construction of asphaltic concrete pavement, concrete curbs and gutters and storm drainage; creating L I D No. 4585 and repealing Ordinance No. 15543. Read by title and passed.

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

Mr. Perdue reported that he had an ordinance he would like to have given first reading tonight and he moved that Rule 7 (pertaining to filing of new matter for Council's consideration) be suspended. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:****Ordinance No. 15576.**

Providing for the establishment of regular hours for the Mayor at the City Hall; increasing and establishing the salary of said Mayor; and providing for the appointment by the Mayor of a confidential secretary. Read by title, and placed in order of final reading. Mr. Stojack voiced the opinion this ordinance was "jumping the gun", as he thought there was supposed to be a committee appointed by the Mayor under a recent resolution, for the purpose of studying Charter amendments. It was pointed out that this is not a Charter amendment and therefore would not conflict with the Committee's functions. The salary and hours set up by this ordinance for the Mayor and confidential secretary were discussed at length and various opinions were voiced by the Council members on their feelings on this matter. The majority expressed the opinion that it was a step in the right direction to bring the government closer to the people. The effective date was discussed and Mr. Perdue, sponsor of the ordinance, said there was some legal question as to whether or not it could be effective June 1st and it might even possibly be two years before it can be put into effect. Mr. Jensen asked the City Manager to get information from other cities on this subject so the Council can have supporting data. Dr. Humiston said he would like to have information as to whether or not there is a precedent established for fixing office hours for a Mayor. 264

At this time Mayor Tollefson appointed the Committee called for by Resolution #14542 to study the existing Charter with a view to recommending possible amendments to the Council for submission to the voters. He named Dr. Humiston as chairman, and Mrs. Goering and Dr. Battin as the other two members. 311

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The Director of Public Works submitted the assessment rolls for costs of improvements in the following districts:

- (1) D I D 1847-- sewers on Shirley Street from North 29th to North 31st; 204-397
- (2) L I D 2163-- grading and oil mat in alley between McArthur and Meyers from South 8th to South 10th; 138  
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- (3) L I D 2227-- concrete sidewalks on South M from South 64th to 68th and on North side of South 68th from L to Sheridan;
- (4) L I D 2228-- concrete curb and gutter and sidewalks on A Street from South 68th to South 70th Street;
- (5) L I D 2229-- grading, oil mat surface, concrete sidewalks on South 53rd Street from Alaska Street to Wilkeson Street;
- (6) L I D 4543-- asphaltic paving, concrete curbs and gutters and storm sewer on Huson Drive from Moorlands Drive to South 16th Street; 397
- (7) L I D 4547-- asphalt paving and concrete curb and gutter and related work on streets in Westmoreland Terrace Addition, except North Shirley Street and Orchard Street; 397
- (8) L I D 4554-- asphalt surface and storm sewer on North 22nd Street from Puget Sound to Warner and from Lawrence Street east 155 feet; also paving alley between North 22nd and North 24th from Warner to Lawrence;
- (9) L I D 4561-- paving and storm sewer on North 7th from Union Avenue to Puget Sound Avenue. 397

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that May 1, 1956 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The reports on the storm sewers in the three sections of the City under consideration at last Monday's meeting were presented at this time.

The City Clerk read in full a letter from the City Planning Commission, which made the following recommendations: (1) That City Council take necessary steps to establish a special fund for City participation in trunk sewer local improvement districts; (2) that City participation in the cost be set at 20%; (3) that the fund be operated on a "first come, first served" basis with the money allocated to the L I Ds as they are filed and approved.

She also read in full M C 85 from the City Manager on the subject "Methods of financing urgently needed sewers" which made the following three recommendations in conclusions: (1) That the Council establish a policy of participating in the financing of storm and sanitary sewer improvement to the extent of 20% of the cost when it is determined that such improvements are urgent and necessary to the development of the City and that it be confined to those cases where the property owners are able and willing to provide the remaining funds through the formation of local improvement districts; (2) that such projects be financed by the making of temporary loans from the L I D Guaranty Fund or other funds available; (3) That the City's participation be not necessarily confined within the actual limits of the district but may consist of such improvements or construction outside the district as may be necessary to connect the L I D project with other existing sewers or drains or to properly dispose of accumulations collected by reason of the L I D project.

She also read a letter from James A. Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent of Tacoma Public Schools, which stated: (1) The Tacoma School District has, by established policy, always gone with L I D projects after a majority of the other interested property owners have signified their desire to proceed; (2) the heavy assessment planned in the west end will divert tax funds of the School and Park Districts voted for other phases of the area development; (3) because of the size and scope of the project, the School District doubts that an L I D is the proper instrument to accomplish the proposed improvement.

In reply to a question from Mr. Bratrud as to whether Brown & Caldwell, who are making a comprehensive survey of the City's sewer needs, had made a study of the West End Area, Mr. Calkins said they had not but they had gone over the department's preliminary plans and feel they are all right and will not interfere with the comprehensive plan. In the west end district the 20% or approximately \$200,000 which the City would contribute, would be used to pay for the outfall through the City of Fircrest, Mr. Boyle advised. In other instances where an outfall is not required, the City's share would be used in paying for the trunk main, he added. An L I D petition for the trunk sewer to carry the water to South 19th Street where the City would

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construct the outfall to pick up the flow of drainage and carry it through Firecrest, would have to be circulated and filed by the property owners, Mr. Boyle said. The plan was made clear to the property owners, who attended a meeting in his office Friday, March 23rd and the majority expressed a desire to proceed on this basis.

Mr. Warren S. Lagerquist, representing Westgate Inc., informed Council there are approximately 100 acres in the drainage district, of which they own 150 acres, and this area could accommodate 4000 homes and provide construction work amounting to more than \$50,000,000 if the proper drainage is installed. Although they would like to see the City pay the entire cost, they know this is not possible, and they concur in the recommendation and plan proposed by the City Manager, he added.

Mr. Wm. H. Bethke, of Forrester Inc., said they have been over a year trying to get this situation resolved, and the Federal Housing Authority will not guarantee any further loans until the City constructs a satisfactory drainage system. He said further that on account of the financing involved, the situation is out of the hands of the Public Works Department and will have to be solved by the Council. Immediate relief is needed, Mr. Bethke said, and the property owners all agreed to participate in the cost as there seemed to be no other solution available.

Dr. Humiston pointed out that the real difficulty was finances, and he felt more study was needed before a basic policy could be established, which would be feasible over a long period.

John Gerla, representing residents on the east side of the City, said some definite policy should be established, but he felt it was unfair to ask the property owners to pay for the trunk sewer.

It was pointed out that neither the City Manager nor the Public Works Department intended this to be a long term policy, but merely to take care of the present urgent needs so this property can be developed.

Mr. John Mueller spoke in favor of the plan, as it would put a lot of property on the tax rolls.

In reply to a question from Mr. Bratrud, as to how long it would require to construct the project if money were available, Mr. Calkins replied that the engineering would require approximately six weeks and they hoped to complete the job during this construction season. Mr. Lagerquist reported that petitions have already been prepared and will be circulated as soon as some action is taken by Council, but it would take time to get the required signatures and hold a hearing.

The Mayor suggested the problem be referred to the Finance Committee to draw up the necessary ordinance or resolution based on further study.

Dr. Battin felt this procedure would tend to delay action and he moved that the Legal Department be instructed to bring in an ordinance covering the recommendations made by the City Manager. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Tollefson referred to matter to the Finance Committee to study the sewer problem with a view in mind to establish a policy for the future.

NEW BUSINESS: X

City Manager Boyle read a letter from Marcus E. Anderson, submitting his resignation as Assistant City Manager to become effective as soon as possible, and stating that he has decided not to be an applicant for the position of City Manager at this time. Mr. Boyle said that although he regretted receiving Marc Anderson's resignation very much, he saw no alternative but to accept it. It will be diffi-

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cult, especially at this time, to lose his services and it will place a burden on the office, as he has been of great assistance, Mr. Boyle stated. However, if the Council approves, he will do the best he can alone, Mr. Boyle said, as he felt it would not be very long until a new Manager is appointed. Mayor Tollefson said he too would miss Marc Anderson, as he has been his right hand man, and he expressed appreciation to Mr. Anderson for all the assistance he had given him, and wished him every success in his new venture. Dr. Battin and Col. Hooker praised Mr. Anderson's services to the City and expressed regrets that he was leaving the City's employ.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 10:35 P. M.

  
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President of City Council.

Attest:   
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City Clerk.