

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, March 9, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Anderson, Easterday, Gering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent on roll call 1, Bratrud. Mr. Bratrud coming in at 4:05 P.M.

Dr. Humiston moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 2, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bratrud.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager said they had a Presentation Award to be given to Julian Benoit, employee of the Finance Department. Mr. Rowlands explained the award of \$70.00 was for a suggestion which simplified the payroll procedure by eliminating some of the time roll individual page postings. This would save from 6 to 7 hours a week which represents about 700 dollars a year in savings.

Mayor Hanson presented the award to Mr. Benoit with congratulations.

Mr. Bratrud coming in at this time.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

The City Planning recommending the denial of the petition of Edwin R. Farrington requesting the rezoning of property located in the 6600 Block on So. Sprague St; from a Residential District to a "C-2" District.

Mr. Rowlands said that no appeal has been filed on either one of these two petitions as the time had elapsed on March 3, 1959.

Dr. Humiston moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the petition of Edwin R. Farrington. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The City Planning Commission recommending the denial of the petition of the Commercial & Industrial Development Corp; requesting that property located at the S.W. corner of So. 15th and Sprague Streets be rezoned from a Residential District to an R-4 District. ^{49:36}

Dr. Humiston moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the petition of the Commercial and Industrial Development Corp. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15663:

BY REQUEST OF PORTER:

Urging that all persons and all members of the Legislature and other State officials give full support to the enactment of House Bill No. 374 changing time of holding the World's Fair to the year 1965.

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Mr. Porter said although he has attempted to improve and change the World Fair situation, now that House Bill No. 374 is dead and the Fair is definitely to be in Seattle in 1961, he would do everything possible to support and help with the continued progress of the Fair.

Mr. Porter then moved to postpone Resolution No. 15663 indefinitely. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Anderson said he felt Mr. Porter should be congratulated on his action as it took a good man to change his mind after working so hard to see that the Fair was postponed.

Roll was then taken on Mr. Porter's motion to postpone the Resolution indefinitely. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15673

L I D 1994

BY EASTERDAY:

Fixing Tuesday, April 7, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 1994 for laying of sanitary sewers in the area of No. 23rd and No. 26th Streets and Narrows Drive and Bridgeview Drive.

Dr. Humiston moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Rowlands said a correction should be made in this Resolution to change the date of April 7 to April 14, 1959.

Dr. Humiston then moved that Resolution No. 15673 be amended, changing the date of April 7 to April 14, 1959. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Roll call was then taken on the Resolution as amended.

Adopted on roll call March 9, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15674

BY HANSON:

Awarding contract to H. P. Fisher & Sons for cleaning and painting all metal surfaces of East 21st St. Bridge over the Puyallup River on their bid of \$15,440 which is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Schuster explained that H. P. Fisher & Sons were a Seattle firm. Four bids had been received on this job. The only local firm bidding was American Painting Company whose bid was \$27,455.50.

Mr. Rowlands asked that an amendment be made to this Resolution by inserting the word "revised" in the second paragraph after the word Engineer's.

Dr. Humiston moved that the Resolution be amended to read "the Engineer's revised estimate". Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Roll call was then taken on the Resolution as amended.

Adopted on roll call March 9, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15675

BY PERDUE:

Awarding contract for the sale of one and one-half story wood frame dwelling on Lm11 Block for the sum of \$51.00 and the sale of the one-story dwelling to Hugo Bellandi for the sum of \$500.00 which bids are determined to be the lowest and best bids.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Rowlands asked that the last sentence of this Resolution be changed to read "the highest and best bids."

Mr. Porter moved to amend the Resolution by changing the last sentence to "the highest and best bids." Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Roll call was then taken on the Resolution as amended.

Adopted on roll call March 9, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15676

BY GOERING:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sell to Melvin M. Denny (1) Four door Sedan for the sum of \$507.00 and to the Valley Auto Parts (1) Four Door Chevrolet for the sum of \$545.00.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call March 9, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15677

BY ANDERSON:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to return to E. W. Nordlund and wife, the sum of \$400.00 which was a deposit on a parcel of real property sold by the City.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Rowlands said a substitute Resolution had been prepared and distributed to the Council which contained several changes in the Resolution. He pointed out that a title search revealed a discrepancy of easement rights and property lines and it was felt that the sale be cancelled until this was cleared up.

Dr. Humiston moved that the substitute Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Adopted on roll call March 9, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15678

BY HUMISTON:

Authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Equipment Rental Fund to the General Fund.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud of

Mr. Rowlands explained there was an error made in the last paragraph of this Resolution where it states "the sum of \$15,000 from the Equipment rental Fund," this should be changed to \$50,000.

Dr. Humiston moved to amend the Resolution changing the figure \$15,000 to \$50,000. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Roll call was then taken on the Resolution.

Adopted on roll call March 9, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15679

BY PORTER:

Appointing Dr. M. M. Dodge as a representative of the Tacoma City Planning Commission on the Puget Sound Regional Planning Council.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Perdue

Adopted on roll call March 9, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16306:

Vacating the north 20 feet of property located on No. 32nd Street between Oakes and Pine Street. (John J. Johnson Petition) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16307:

Vacating that portion of property on Leif Ericson Drive between Karl Johan Ave. and Fernside Drive. (M. W. Perrow Petition.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading. ¹³ ₃₄

Ordinance No. 16308:

Amending Section 11.34.060 of the Official Code relating to traffic - Stop before emerging from alley. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16309:

Establishing a Petty Cash Fund of \$25.00 for the office of Urban Renewal. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16310:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make payment to Pierce County for the benefit of taxing districts within which any part of the electrical facilities recently acquired from the Puget Sound Power and Light Co. are located and said payment to be the sum of \$6,094.64 for the year 1959. Read by title. ¹⁰ ₃₅

Mayor Hanson said there has been an amendment to this Ordinance which was prepared by the Utility Board that he would like to present. The amendment is designed to authorize the payment to be made and to be deducted from the 8% gross earnings tax.

Mr. Easterday moved that the amendment be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Dr. Humiston said he felt the Charter was very clear in regard to this 8% gross earnings tax; and he had not changed his mind about this matter. His recommendation would be to pass the Ordinance next week as it is now written, to be sure this payment is made. Then survey the situation later when all the facts are obtained on whether the Utility Department would actually be damaged by making this payment out of the Light Division Fund.

Dr. Humiston asked if this Ordinance is passed as it is now written from what fund will the money be taken?

Mr. Gaisford said it would come out of the Light Fund unless the Council directed otherwise.

Vote was then taken on Mr. Easterday's motion to amend the Ordinance by adding Section 4. "That the Director of Finance be and he is authorized and directed to make payment of said amount from monies of the current Light Fund and to deduct said amount from monies otherwise payable to the General Fund of the City of Tacoma pursuant to the 8% gross earnings tax imposed by City ordinance." Roll call: Ayes 4; Nays 5, Anderson, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston and Perdue; Absent 0.

Mr. Anderson explained the reason he voted "no" on the Resolution was that he would like to give more consideration to the matter until next week.

Dr. Humiston said inasmuch as Mr. Anderson felt he would like to consider

his vote further, he moved that this amendment be reconsidered next week. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16302

Providing for the improvement of the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks, gutters and curbs along and driveways across sidewalks, in various part of the City. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16303:

Vacating 20 feet on both sides of North Madison between No. 31st and the alley between No. 31st and No. 32nd Streets. (Petition of W. C. Waggoner.) Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16304:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section to be known as Section 13.06.080 (1) Relative to zoning of property located on the N. W. and S. W. corners of South 16th and J Streets. (Petition of Dr. J. T. Robson.) Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16305:

Appropriating the sum of \$6,000 from the City Street Fund for the purpose of paying the necessary construction and inspection costs for the cleaning and painting of the metal surfaces on the East 21st Street Bridge over the Puyallup River. Read by title and passed.

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

REPORTS:

MC - 253 - Fire Protection for Schools.

Mr. Rowlands said about six weeks ago a joint meeting was held by the School Board and members of the City Council. At that time some information was requested concerning hook-ups with private schools and emergency runs to the School District #10 outside the City Limits.

The first item on this MC is in regard to installing fire alarm lines to the three public schools in Northeast Tacoma. The entire sum of \$5,126.00 which will be required, is not contained in the budget. An additional \$3500 will be needed and a Resolution will be prepared requesting the transfer of this sum from the Cumulative Reserve Fund. He said the understanding was that the City would extend the fire alarm

to the three public schools and the School Board would bear the cost of the alarm systems within the schools, which they have done. Mr. Rowlands said it is felt that this will provide adequate fire protection in that area.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out under item No. 2 of MC-253 - Emergency Runs to School Districts No. 10 Outside the City Limits, there are three schools involved and after some discussion with Chief Harold Fisk, it was felt that emergency fire runs could be made at a cost of \$360 for each Fire Department apparatus. It was proposed that negotiations be concluded with school officials to provide emergency service to these three schools if such coverage is desired. If the schools want to tie-in to the City's Fire Alarm System, all costs for such extensions should be borne by the schools.

Dr. Humiston asked Mr. Rowlands, during negotiations was there any consideration given to making the Fircrest Volunteer Fire Department a part of the Tacoma Fire Department.

Mr. Rowlands said that was not explored.

Dr. Humiston then asked Mr. Rowlands to submit a report on the possibility of Fircrest and other outlying communities being protected full-time by the Tacoma Fire Department and on the comparative costs of their present fire protection versus city protection.

Mr. Rowlands said he would bring in a report on this matter as soon as possible.

Mr. Rowlands said under item 3 of MC-252 - Progress with Fire Alarm Hook-ups in Private Schools - much progress is being made in promoting the installation of fire alarm systems. Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, St. Leo and Annie Wright Seminary plan to install the necessary equipment at the cost of \$4,000, and the Fire Department will then connect them to the Central Alarm Headquarters. Also the College of Puget Sound is repairing their line so it can be reconnected to the City System.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Municipal Court for the month of February 1959.

Mr. Anderson said the Sister City Committee met last week and there were about twenty-five people present from various groups. Kokura, Japan was unanimously chosen as the Sister City. The State Department had advised the Committee that Kokura would be a city about Tacoma's size, having a population of approximately 250,000 and it is also a port town. 49.528
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Mr. Anderson said he has written a letter to the State Department asking what procedure was to be taken at this time and as soon as an answer is received, the Mayor of Tacoma will then write to the Mayor of Kokura to arrange a program. He said they are attempting to work out with the State Department arrangements so that some officials can go to Kokura on this program. Mr. A. Glaudrone, Chairman of the Program, has done much toward this project and should be commended for his work.

Mr. Anderson said the Committee is very enthused about the Sister City Program and feel that it will be very beneficial to the citizens of Tacoma.

Mr. Rowlands passed out a Legislative Bulletin. He said all bills not acted on by midnight, March 10, will have died in the Committee. Most of the important City bills have been adopted, but there were about six more bills that he would like to have seen pass: the two principle ones being the one providing for the continuation of the gas tax exemption for the Transit Companies which would mean about \$50,000 a year and the Finance Bill.

Mr. Rowlands said next week will be the week that the City offices will be moving into the County-City Building but the City Council will meet as usual, March 16, in the City Hall.

Mayor Hanson appointed a new L I D Committee: Mrs. Price, Mr. Perdue and Mr. Anderson to serve for the months of March, April and May.

Mrs. Price announced that there would be a meeting of the Pierce County Safety Council Monday evening, March 9 at the New Yorker at 6:30 P.M. She said she had tickets if anyone desired them.

118 Mr. Rowlands said Mr. Schuster, his staff and himself have contacted Bill Bugge of the State Highway Department about the Pacific Avenue Interchange project plus the possible extension of A Street which will involve a viaduct and overpass going across the Northern Pacific area. To make that improvement, he added, approximately three million dollars is involved. He said they would like the Council's approval on these negotiations.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained the area includes part of A Street between 13th and 15th and So. 21st. At the present time, the State Secondary Highway ID is a portion of Pacific Avenue and which runs across the Tideflats. We are negotiating with the State in an attempt to see if I D and A Street could be one and the same, so that the State could participate. If so, a 53% grant from the Federal Government is available, leaving about 47% to be split between the State and the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Porter moved that the Council authorize the continuance of the negotiations with the Highway Commission on the Pacific Avenue Interchange and the possible extension of A Street in the Northern Pacific area. Seconded by Mr. Anderson Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Ben Hanson
President of the City Council

Attest: *Jacqueline Nelson*
City Clerk