

Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Monday, June 1, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9; Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the minutes of the meeting of May 25th, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15759:

By Anderson:

Extending an invitation to the proper officials of the City of Kokura, Japan to associate with and become the Sister City of Tacoma, Washington.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15760:

By Perdue:

Fixing June 23, 1959 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6766 for modern lighting on ornamental steel or concrete standards with underground wiring on So. Yakima from 6th Avenue to South 27th ; So. 34th Street from Tacoma Avenue to Pacific; East 34th from East D to McKinley Avenue.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15761:

By Humiston:

Appropriating \$2,250.00 from the Equipment Rental Fund, Account "B" or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of purchasing a new Sedan Delivery Truck for the use of the Tacoma Humane Society.

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

Mr. Perdue asked if the City was obligated to replace equipment for the Humane Society?

Mr. Rowlands said under the agreement which the City has with the Humane Society it does not state that the City is obligated, but it does indicate that the City is expected to, or may replace equipment to the Society. This has been the policy of the City in the past.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15762:

By Easterday:

Awarding contract to Buck and Sons Tractor and Implement Company for furnishing one mower in the sum of \$426.73, plus sales tax, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15763:

By Bratrud:

Awarding contract to Quality Concrete Construction Co. in the amount of \$2,723.80 for L I D 2299.

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

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15764:

Awarding contract to Lauren L. Shafer in the amount of \$29,430.00 for the construction of Fire Station No. 7, located at So. 56th and Warner Streets, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Mr. Rowlands said the cost of this Fire Station will probably be \$11,000 to \$12,000 more than anticipated, due to the fact that the bid is higher than expected and also be cause of the limited amount of funds received from the balance remaining in the construction fund of the South Tacoma Library which is being built in conjunction with the Fire Station.

Mr. Rowlands said that an additional \$17,000 would be needed for this project. \$10,000 has already been appropriated some time ago, and about \$18,000 should be required when the old building is disposed of.

Mr. Anderson said he felt this price was a good one and should be accepted.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Rowlands asked if a motion could be made at this time to adopt a Resolution appropriating the \$17,000 which is necessary for this project. Mr. McCormick, City Attorney advised this would be legal.

Mr. Porter then moved to suspend the rules and accept the Resolution for adoption. Motion seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTION No. 15773:

By Bratrud:

Appropriating \$17,000. or so much as may be necessary for the construction of the Fire Station at South 56th and Warner Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Porter to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Regular order of business was then resumed.

Resolution No. 15765:

By Humiston:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a real estate contract to Cyril A. and Bertie M. Edwards for the sum of \$1,050.00 for property located on the west side of South Durango Street between South 12th and South 14th Streets.

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

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15766:

By Hanson:

189 Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to G. E. Mathews, a quitclaim deed for property located at 4221 So. 66th Street.

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

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15767:**Price:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a local improvement assessment deed to Arthur R. and Anna Mae Paulsen, for the sum of \$4,300 for property located on the east side of Tacoma Avenue between South 16th and South 17th Streets.

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

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15768:**By Easterday:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to Robert and Irma Wood a local improvement assessment deed upon payment of the sum of \$10.00 for property located on the west side of Bennett Street between North 37th and 39th Streets.

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

Dr. Humiston asked that all pertinent information regarding costs to the City on all Resolutions clearing clouds in the title of property which the City is disposing, be included on the bottom of the page on each Resolution, so the Council can be informed whether the City is either making or losing money, whichever the case may be.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15769:**By Anderson:**

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a local improvement assessment deed to C. O. and Verna C. Rolfsen, for the sum of \$2,950.00 for property located on the west side of Skyline Drive between North 15th and North 17th Streets.

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

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15770:

By Perdue:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a local improvement assessment deed to Hoffman-Stevenson, Inc., for the sum of \$1,050.00 for property located on the east side of South D Street between South 70th and South 72nd Street.

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

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15771:

By Bratrud:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers to execute and deliver a local improvement assessment deed to Kirby P. Hickey in the sum of \$2,600.00 for property located on the west side of Warner between South 40th and South 43rd; on the west side of Cedar between So. 45th and South 47th; on the west side of Lawrence between South 45th and South 47th Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15772:

By Perdue:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the St. Regis Paper Company for property which was acquired by condemnation, located in the Green River Watershed.

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

Mr. Dean Barline, Director of Utilities said this is part of the property that the Utilities is taking over by reason of flooding the area. Arrangements have been worked out so that an exchange of properties is being made. In the agreement the Utilities will pay to St. Regis \$127,618 for their property in the Green River Watershed, and St. Regis will pay Utilities \$93,000 for property located near Lake Kaposin, making a difference of \$34,000. Mr. Barline explained that the Utilities Department will transfer to the Army, land which they need and will pay the City approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 for easement rights. Therefore the Utilities Department will have slightly more acreage than they previously had which will be more valuable to them.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1959.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16363:

Vacating Hill Street and the East Half of East "N" Street, also the alley between Hill and East "N" from the north line of East 38th Street to the North line of McKinley Park 4th Addition. Read by title. (Pet: Lester Scarlett).

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Mr. Rowlands said this was heard in August of 1958, but it took some time for all of the conditions to be worked out. Everything is now in order, he added.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16364:

Amending Section 1. 12. 400 and 1. 12. 480 of the Official Code of the City relating to the pay and compensation plan - establishing a new position for Urban Renewal Program, and a Chief Cook and a Cook for the Police Department. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the establishing of a new position in the Urban Renewal Program is now necessary as the program is being developed more rapidly. This Ordinance also sets up the category of Chief Cook and Cook for the Police Department, as the City is taking over the duties of cooking for the County and Federal prisoners. In the past only one cook was needed.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16365:

Amending Section 1. 34. 180 of the Official Code of the City relating to Working Fund Advances - increasing the equipment Rental Fund of the Public Works Department from \$25.00 to \$50.00. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16358:

Amending the Official Code of the City by adding to Title 1 a new Section, 1. 36. 010 - Collection Charge for Unpaid Bank Checks. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16359

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to licenses and taxes by amending Sec. 6. 02. 090 and adding new sections 6. 61, 6. 71 and 6. 75 - General Qualification of Licensees. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16360:

Amending Chapter 6.38 of the Official Code of the City and adding Section 6.38.140, 6.38.140 (1) to 6.38.140 (8) inclusive - providing for a Teen-age Dance Board and providing certain regulations for the conduct of teen-age dances in the City. Read by title.

Dr. Humiston said he felt it should be pointed out that this matter can be before the Council for the reason it was found that many agencies were conducting dances that were not in exact compliance with the existing Ordinance. The question before Council is merely changing the Ordinance to make it more applicable. The question of barring dancing is not the issue at all, he added.

Mr. Perdue said he felt the issue was whether there would be proper supervision of teen-age dances in Tacoma. Personally, he did not feel that this Ordinance protected the situation adequately, and was therefore opposed to it. He said the Police Department would not have adequate men to supervise these dances properly. If a situation ever arose because of the laxity of the Ordinance, the Police Department should not be blamed.

Mrs. Price said because it was the Council's chief concern that these dances be properly supervised perhaps it would be well to look into the matter of having sufficient Youth Guidance Personnel available for this work.

Mr. Porter said he had before him a proposed amendment, and therefore moved that Section 6.38.140 (6), Subsection E, be amended to exclude persons under the age of fifteen years, which paragraph shall read as follows: "No person of the age of 21 years or more and no person under the age of 15 years shall attend any teen-age dance as a participant. This does not prohibit the attendance of chaperones or other sponsors who do not participate in the dancing, nor does it prohibit persons employed as entertainers or musicians at such dances." Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Mr. Perdue moved that Mr. Porter's motion be amended by inserting the words "and parents" after the word "chaperones". Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Motion carried: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Vote was then taken on Mr. Porter's motion, as amended, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Dr. Humiston then moved that the word "age" be inserted in Sec. 6.38.070, line 6 after the words "except that such". Motion seconded by Mr. Porter and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Mr. Perdue; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16361:

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 2283 for the cost of an oil mat seal on Montgomery Street from South 74th to South 76th Streets. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16362:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4637 for the cost of cement concrete pavement and storm drainage on Cushman Avenue from South 19th to South 23rd Streets, Cedar from North 25th to North 26th Streets. Read by title and passed. 92

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

Ordinance No. 16366:

Amending Section 12.08.110 of the Official Code of the City - Sewer Rate Ordinance, adjusting the residential sewer rates to a flat \$2.00 for single family residences and making the effective date retroactive to March, 1959. Read by title. 134

Mr. Rowlands said the only change made was in regards to the single family residences. The duplexes, etc., will remain the same.

Mr. Leo Gallagher, owner of the Sound Mattress and Felt Company was present on behalf of his business firms. He felt this increase was out of line for the reason, the City is going to tax 3/4 of the Water consumption on a sewer tax, for something that has not been constructed. He felt this is premature and inequitable. In the past his sewer bills have been \$3.50 for each firm. On the new basis this will increase the charge to \$17.12. He said he could not see that the handling of this sewerage is going to cost this much more. Many manufacturers use a lot of water that never gets into the sewers, but filters back into the ground. He said he thought it very unfair to base a sewer charge on 3/4 of the water consumption. He thought the proper method should be based on the solids that go into the sewer system.

Dr. Humiston explained that in answer to Mr. Gallagher's question, (first) the rate must be raised before construction begins, as the improved plan of lines and sewage treatment plants will be financed by the revenue bond issue. Before the bond issue can be floated, the City has to show that it has a certain income. (secondly) in respect to the water that is charged to the customer which does not flow into the sewer, all that is necessary for a firm to prove, in order to be exempt from the 3/4 basis of water consumption, they would have to demonstrate to the Public Works Department that the water is not going into the sewer, therefore they would not be charged. This provision is included in the ordinance.

Dr. Humiston said Mr. Gallagher mentioned the rate should be based on solids. This rate was computed on the basis of the average amount of solids and oxygen demand that are in the average sewage. There is a higher rate charge if these amounts of solids and oxygen demand are in an individual plant sewage.

Up until now, many individuals were not paying what it cost the City to take care of the sewerage. 50 to a hundred

Mr. Rowlands said approximately 100 complaints have been looked into already by the Public Works Department in the last few months. It is rather difficult to start a new program such as this without some difficulty, but the City desires to work this out equitably. In many cases it was found where water was being used and not going into the sewers, adjustments have been made and will continue as investigations are made.

Vote was then taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Summary of Proposed Changes to Personnel Rules submitted by the Civil Service Board, also a memo by Mr. Rowlands, City Manager.

Mr. Rowlands said this was merely a summary of the proposed changes to Personnel Rules.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

The 18th Annual Report from the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System.

Belt Line Division report for the month of April, 1959.

Light Division Financial Report for the month of April, 1959.

*** Water Division report for the month of April, 1959.

A letter was read from Mr. Eric Brown resigning his position as a member of the Planning Commission for the reason he is being transferred to Seattle. He stated his association with the Commission, during his tenure, had been both pleasant and enriching.

Mr. Anderson moved that his resignation be accepted with regret. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Dr. Humiston suggested that Mayor Hanson write an appropriate letter to Mr. Brown thanking him for his services on the Planning Commission.

Dr. Humiston said it has been brought to his attention that Captain Bob Marshall of the Tacoma Traffic Division was retiring after many years of service with the City and felt it would be very appropriate for the Council to pass a Resolution commending Capt. Marshall for the services he performed for the City of Tacoma during the 30 years he served on the Police Force. He asked that such a Resolution be drawn and presented to the Council on June 8, 1959.

Mr. Homer King said, when he spoke in opposition to the proposed light rate increase at last week's Council meeting he asked the Council several questions. He thought the Council might have had time to think some of these over and answer them today. He asked if they could make it possible for Professor Robbins of the University of Washington to speak with them, and also to submit comparison of costs on the different types of power projects.

Dr. Humiston said the Council does not have this question of the Cowlitz Project before them as yet, and felt it would be more appropriate to take this matter up with the Utility Board rather than the City Council.

Mr. King said he thought the Council was the deciding body in these matters, therefore he preferred speaking with them.

Mayor Hanson said each Council Member will give this subject much study on their own, as this information is available to all. He added he felt this was a matter for each Council Member to decide, and he hesitated to set up a precedent of a special hearing like this. He asked the other members of the Council their opinions on this matter.

Dr. Humiston said there was no member of the Council that would refuse to accept helpful information, but on the other hand he felt this was too complicated a matter for an oral discussion and was therefore not in favor of any special meeting. He was in favor of receiving this information in facts and figures.

Mayor Hanson said the invitation was acknowledged and that it was up to each individual member of the Council if they wished to accept.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P. M.


President of the City Council

Attest: 
City Clerk

Mayor Hanson appointed a new LID Committee to serve for the next three months, Dr. Humiston, Mayor Hanson and Mr. Porter. The next meeting being June 9 at 4:00 P. M.

Mr. Rowlands asked that the revised Capital Improvement Program 1960-1965 booklet be distributed at this time. He said this report will be studied by the Joint Use and Planning Committee who in turn will forward their recommendation to the Planning Commission and the various legislative bodies. After several weeks of study, the Planning Commission will also submit its recommendations to the legislative bodies for their review and consideration. One of the principal purposes of developing a Six Year Capital Improvement Program is to try to synchronize the financing of these projects so that the willingness or the ability of the taxpayers to underwrite the projects will not be impaired.

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