

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, September 2, 1958

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9; Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, Price and Hanson. Absent 0.

Moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mrs. Price that the minutes of the meeting of August 25, 1958 be approved as submitted. Motion carried on roll call; Ayes 8; Nays 1, Humiston (not voting); Absent 0

COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager, presenting the Proposed Preliminary Annual Budget for the year 1959 for General Government and the Public Utility Department.

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Mr. Rowlands explained that according to State Law the Preliminary Budget must be submitted at this date and adopted by September 22nd, and the final budget must be adopted by October 10th. He said that in the Budget message he outlined some of the factors and problems confronting Council, particularly those regarding financial limitations and difficulties. He said listed in the Budget message under Table 1 was a major breakdown of the Salary Category, Maintenance and Operation, etc. The General Fund and City Street Fund were combined since they both are used for general purposes. The moneys received from the State Government, which must be placed in the City Street Fund is far less than is needed to take care of the streets. Under State Law, a separate City Street Fund must be set up from which payments are made with moneys received from State collected, locally shared Gasoline Taxes, for street purposes. It is necessary to take money from the General Fund to put into the City Street Fund, which gives a more realistic picture of the overall budget from the standpoint of general operations, he added. Mr. Rowlands said there were certain programs omitted from the Budget which in his opinion should have been included because the budget should not have been presented which was not in balance, and in order for it to balance it was necessary to eliminate \$1,000,000.00 from the departmental requests, which were legitimate, and necessary. It is up to Council during this next month to determine what changes in service and programs will be established, he added. The Revenue outlook for 1959 shows where increased and decreases are anticipated. We are affected badly this year by decreases in revenues where in previous years we had substantial increases. He said there are twelve points listed in the budget, which give a brief synopsis of some of the more important features, in order to assist the Council members in determining what functions are performed by the various departmental divisions. He pointed out that under the commentary, a brief description of the duties of the Departments are listed under "Functions", the expense and personnel trends are listed under "Budget Trend Data", and any additional information pertaining to the department is listed under "Comments". He thought by having this information preceding each department budget, it would give the Council a little better insight of the duties and activities performed by the different divisions.

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Dr. Humiston referred to page 140 of the budget and asked if the amount budgeted for salaries and wages included more personnel or if it was an estimate for an increase for next year.

Mr. Rowlands explained that in some cases there will be additional personnel, and if there is additional personnel, it will be explained under "Comments". There will be two things included (1) will be additional personnel.

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if any are like (2) the salary will be collected in the same way as (1) (2) Additional salary an employee would receive when they reach their anniversary date, then an automatic increase is shown. No automatic increase is shown, in the budget for anyone who has reached the top of their bracket. Mr. Rowlands explained that last year at this time the salary and wage adjustment and contingency fund had a balance of \$133,000 and this year there is approximately \$3800. This comes from the fact that there was not as much money to reappropriate as we did not have as much anticipated revenue as last year. This budget, he said, will be increased or decreased at will, depending on what decisions Council would want to make. The budget is in balance and reflects the problems of not only Tacoma, but the other cities throughout the State.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Porter moved that the Council rules be suspended regarding the filing of new matter before Council, in order to consider Resolution No. 15482. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Resolution No. 15482:

By REQUEST OF PORTER:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma a proposition to amend Sections 6.3 and 6.11 thru 6.16 of the City Charter to make membership on the Civil Service Board elective instead of appointive, and to invest it with Civil Service rule making power having the full support of the Municipal Civil Service League and the Joint Labor Committee, representing public employees in Pierce Co., plus many civic and fraternal organizations in the City.

Moved by Mr. Bratrud to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter explained that this Resolution included some of the good points from the various Resolutions submitted. He said it is important to try to have a Civil Service setup where everything can be as impartial as is humanly possible and to eliminate the cause for complaints and, if there are any complaints, to give them a fair hearing.

Dr. Humiston said he was not in favor of an elective Civil Service Board, but that the method of appointment, as we now have, is much sounder. He believes the Board, no matter how selected, should not be given the power to make the Civil Service rules. He thought this would not be in the best interests of the City of Tacoma or even the City employees to turn the rule-making power over to the Civil Service Board rather than the Council.

Mr. Porter said that in this Resolution the Council has a "veto" power by a two-thirds majority vote.

Mrs. Goering said she was opposed to the idea of employees having to appeal to the same body that made the rules.

Mr. Porter said the Board has the rules making power and would set up the rules, but would not administer the examinations themselves. If the rules haven't been followed, in the examinations, the person would appeal to the Board and he felt quite certain the Board would insist that their rules should be followed and if the rules are incorrect, the Council has the veto power by a two-thirds majority vote.

Mr. Easterday said inasmuch as Resolutions No. 15440, 15455, 15482 covered the same matter, he moved that these Resolutions be postponed for one week to allow time for the Council to study the two new Resolutions that were

presented at today's meeting. Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Bratrud said that if Resolution No. 15482 is an improvement over Resolution No. 15440 and 15455 that they should be voted down and Resolution No. 15482 be postponed until next week.

Mr. Easterday agreed, and restated his motion to postpone Resolution No. 15482 until September 8, 1958. Seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried on roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Anderson said he had a Resolution which he wished to present and asked that it be substituted for the one Mr. Porter presented.

Resolution No. 15483:

By REQUEST OF ANDERSON:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma a proposition to amend Section 6.11 providing the manner of the election of the Civil Service Board, Sec. 6.12 concerning the powers and duties of the Civil Service Board and Sec. 6.14 concerning the Personnel Rules.

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Inasmuch as this Resolution covered the same matter as Resolutions No. 15482, it was moved by Mr. Easterday, seconded by Mr. Anderson to postpone this Resolution until September 8, 1958. Carried on roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0 Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15440;

BY REQUEST OF PRICE:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma a proposition to amend Sections 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, and 6.14 of the City Charter, providing for the election of a Civil Service Board and investing said Board with civil service rule-making power.

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Lost on roll call September 2, 1958
Ayes 0; Nays 9; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15455:

BY REQUEST OF ANDERSON:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma a proposition to amend Section 6.11 of the City Charter, providing for the election of Civil Service Commissioners.

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Lost on roll call September 2, 1958
Ayes 0; Nays 9; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15456:

BY REQUEST OF ANDERSON:

Pledging full cooperation, effort and support to the World's Fair Commission, the Dept. of Commerce and Economic Development, and all other bodies and persons concerned in the promotion and holding of a World's Fair in the City of Seattle, on the site selected by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and rescinding Res. 15382.

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Mayor Hanson explained that this Resolution and the next one No. 15477 both cover the same item which is in reference to the World's Fair and said that Resolution No. 15456 specifies that the site is to be in Seattle whereas Resolution No. 15477 does not specify a location.

Mr. Porter pointed out that in Resolution No. 15477, while it does not name the Civic Center site in Seattle, refers to the World's Fair, the site of which was set by the last legislature. Any action taken on the World's Fair or Century 21 Exposition is still legally naming the Civic Center site in Seattle. That is the only place it can be held until the next Legislature changes the location, he added.

Mayor Hanson said that in any event, we can limit it to one Resolution by eliminating Resolution No. 15456.

Lost on roll call September 2, 1958

Ayes 0; Nays 9; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15477:

By REQUEST OF ANDERSON:

Pledging full cooperation, effort and support to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and all other planners, commissions, bodies and persons concerned in the promotion and holding of Century 21 Exposition, and rescinding Resolution No. 15382.

Mr. Anderson said that he personally would like to see this Resolution passed. Frequently, he said, Tacoma is blamed for not cooperating with Seattle. He felt that the entire State of Washington will benefit from the World's Fair. He said he felt the City of Tacoma should do everything they can to promote the Fair and to make it a success. If some other site is selected by the Legislature, that should be supported also, he added. During the two years that the World's Fair will be under construction they will have to hold the Trade Fair in some other City and the possibility is that it might be held in Tacoma. Tacoma can benefit a great deal by the Fair especially by the "Trade Fair", he said.

Mayor Hanson advised that we would be fooling ourselves if we thought this Resolution would be passed without making reference to the site. After looking it over, it is quite obvious this would be quite a major change in policy set by the previous Resolution. In light of recent changes, he could see no reason why Tacoma should change its position. He said he asked Mr. Keith Lile, Chairman of the Committee to keep Tacoma informed on the progress of the World's Fair, to attend tonight's meeting and speak before Council.

Mr. Anderson said he could not see what this particular group has done. He understands that no one from the committee has appeared before the World's Fair Commission.

Mr. Porter pointed out that when Mr. Faber was here last week he mentioned that they were going to provide parking, by three level or multi-level mechanical car parkers, and said at that time the cost would be about \$1,000 per car. Regarding the amount of people who will be driving to the Fair and the figures that were brought up at that time, it was estimated that they would need parking for an extra 30,000 cars. He said, you would have to provide parking for the maximum amount of cars but did not believe anyone here would be willing to spend their capital on this investment when they would only have 8 months to get it back. After the fair, he said, there would be no business that would warrant spending that much money for parking.

Mayor Hanson advised that when Tacoma first entered into this matter there was no site established and at that time the World's Fair Commission had stated the site had been established. Certain developments now indicate that it is very much in doubt, and he still contends that at the outset, the proper site would be in the Midway area. There is a question as to whether this site is definite. There are recent developments which indicate that there is still a substantial question as to whether or not it will be in the City of Seattle and whether or not the Legislature is going to choose this site or not.

Mr. Keith Lile advised that condemnation proceedings for acquiring the Seattle Fair site may be held in Court until next November, and that there were many things that could block the use of the 7½ million dollars which was voted on by the people of Seattle. He said if the Midway site is agreed upon, the property could be used later for a Junior College or Stadium.

Pat Comfort, Douglas Stevenson, Ken Johnston and Roy Acheson also spoke regarding the Fair site.

Francis Marks President of the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce urged Council to withhold any action that would appear to give final approval to the Seattle site.

Mr. Keith Lile thanked Mayor Hanson for the opportunity in allowing his Committee to appear before Council to present their facts.

Mr. Bratrud said that inasmuch as condemnation proceedings for the Fair site is still pending in Court which will not be heard until November, he moved that the Resolution be postponed until December 1st. Motion seconded by Mr. Easterday. Ayes 8; Nays 1, Anderson; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15478:

By REQUEST OF ANDERSON AND HANSON:

Authorizing the Mayor of the City to appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than seven members to investigate and explore the possibility, feasibility and practicability of providing proper facilities and support for major league baseball, professional football and basketball, and other major athletic and sporting events within the cities of Seattle and Tacoma and the suburban and metropolitan areas.

Moved by Anderson to adopted, seconded by Easterday.

Mr. Perdue asked if the committee should not be appointed from among representative citizens from the community rather than those interested. He believes that by having this type of committee they would be able to give a more rounded report.

Mayor Hanson advised that it would be difficult to find someone to serve on this committee without remuneration unless they were interested.

Mr. Anderson explained that Major League ball will probably end up in the Northwest and in the State of Washington, the center will probably be in the Seattle-Tacoma area. He said if Tacoma will let the people of Seattle know they are willing to work for it and willing to cooperate, the entire area will benefit by it.

Mayor Hanson said that this was an important committee and that it should be well balanced. He said he would welcome any suggestions as to whom should be contacted for volunteers on the committee.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Easterday to adopt the Resolution.
Adopted on roll call; September 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

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Resolution No. 15479:

By PERDUE:

Authorizing the extension of the agreement with the Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation, Pennsalt of Washington Division, to November 15, 1958.

Mayor Hanson called on Mr. Dean Barline, Director of Utilities to comment on this Resolution.

Mr. Barline explained that this Resolution merely authorizes the extension of the agreement to Pennsalt Company to November 15, 1958 to complete the negotiations relating to a new contract.

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

Adopted on roll call September 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15480:

By BRATRUD:

Settling claim of Lucille B. Crouch against the City of Tacoma for the sum of \$1,500 arising out of a fall on a sidewalk owned and maintained by the City.

Mr. Rowlands advised that the City Attorney has checked this claim thoroughly and have proposed this settlement.

It was then moved by Mr. Bratrud, Seconded by Mr. Anderson to adopt this Resolution.

Adopted on roll call September 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15481:

By HUMISTON:

Awarding contract to Caldwell Machinery Company, Inc., for the purchase of one Road Maintainer, in the sum of \$5,018.00 plus sales tax, less \$500.00 trade-in, plus optional equipment in the sum of \$1,430.50 plus sales tax.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Perdue to adopt this Resolution.

Adopted on roll call September 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16179:

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Repealing Ordinance No. 16118 which was passed May 29, 1958 creating L I D No. 1976 for sanitary sewers on 6th Avenue from Peal Street to 670 feet west. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 16180:

Authorizing the City Attorney to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the purpose of acquiring an easement over property for the construction of a pole line for distribution wires and facilities to serve customers in Pierce County with electrical energy. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16177:

Amending the Compensation Plan to provide for cash reimbursement for meals or transportation resulting from work beyond the regular working hours. Read by title.

Roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16178:L I D 1985:

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Providing for the improvement of L I D 1985 for sanitary sewers in the alley between East 53rd and East 54th Streets from East K Street to East J Street. Read by title. 308
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Roll call; Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

NEW BUSINESS:

MC - 223 - Progress Report of Examination Program. X

Wage and Salary Survey, presented by Personnel Department. Y

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Wage and Salary Survey was computed by the Personnel Department which will give the Council an idea of the pay rates for similar jobs in this area paid by private concerns and also the salary paid to employees in other municipalities in this area.

Mrs. Goering said that they had received complaints from representatives of the various unions that they could not take stock in these surveys because they did not know who was questioned, but said, she had noticed in this survey that the firm names were listed.

ITEMS RECEIVED FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Balt Line Division - Monthly Financial Report - July 31, 1958. X

Water Division - Monthly Financial Report - July 31, 1958. X

Mayor Hanson said that he would appoint a new committee to serve on the L I D Committee, before the next meeting on September 9, 1958 and would notify them before that time.

There being no further business, or comments from the audience, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Attest: Josephine Metton
City Clerk

Ben Hanson
President of the City Council