

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.  
Monday, January 26, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Anderson, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Price, and Mayor Hanson. Absent on roll call 2: Bratrud and Porter. Bratrud coming in at 4:10 P.M. Porter coming in at 4:30 P.M.

Mr. Anderson moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Humiston. Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bratrud and Porter.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15618:

BY PORTER:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to make transfers listed herein within the same class in the 1958 Budget.

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

Adopted on roll call January 26, 1959  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bratrud and Porter

Resolution No. 15619

BY GOERING:

Mr. Bratrud coming in at this time.

Approving the proposed agreement between the State of Washington and the City of Tacoma to participate in the cost of a storm and sanitary sewer for the South M Street overcrossing project, as part of the Tacoma Freeway.

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

Adopted on roll call January 26, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Resolution No. 15620

BY HANSON:

Insuring the reimbursement to the State Treasury of funds necessary to participate in the cost of the Freeway storm and sanitary sewer project in the vicinity of the "M" Street Overcrossing.

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

Adopted on roll call January 26, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter

Resolution No. 15621

BY BRATRUD:

Authorizing the City of Tacoma to participate in the Metropolitan Planning Program proposed and sponsored by Pierce County.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Resolution will enable the county to receive some assistance from the Federal Government in participating in land use surveys and special studies, including pollution and sanitation in the metropolitan area. The City share of the program will amount to \$1300 but this contribution will be in the form of staff services.

Adopted on roll call January 26, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter

Resolution No. 15622

BY ANDERSON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute and deliver to Lee Wm. Burnett a local improvement assessment deed in the amount of \$20.00 in cash for property located on So. 75th Street between Yakima and South I Street.

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

Adopted on roll call January 26, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter

Resolution No. 15623

BY PORTER:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to Glenn W. Miller and Vivian Miller a local improvement assessment deed in the sum of \$40.00 to clear the cloud on the title of property located between No. 49th and No. 51st Street and between No. Pearl and No. Lexington Streets.

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

Adopted on roll call January 26, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter

Mr. Porter coming in at this time.

Resolution No. 15624

BY PERDUE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a deed from the Local Improvement Guaranty Fund to the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$37.00

for property located on the west side of No. Pearl Street between No. 17th and No. 21st Street.

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

Adopted on roll call January 26, 1959  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15625

BY PORTER:

Awarding contract to the Shell Oil Company for furnishing gasoline requirements for the year 1959.

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

Adopted on roll call January 26, 1959  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15625

BY HUMISTON:

Awarding contract to Harrison Bros. Company in the amount of \$34,675.07 for I D 2289 for grading, ballasting, and storm drainage.

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

Adopted on roll call January 26, 1959  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16265:

Authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer certain sums from certain categories to other categories for the year 1958. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16266:

Appropriating the sum of \$4,011.55 from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of operation of the Police Relief and Pension Fund. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said in making up the estimate for the 1958 budget a sufficient amount of money was not budgeted to cover the Police Pension Fund. Due to the fact that additional personnel has retired during the year, which were beyond their expectations, this Resolution is to balance the accounts for 1958. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16266:

Amending Section 18.04.390 of the Official Code relating to "Rules and Regula-

tions for Land Subdivision." Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this Ordinance makes it mandatory for a subdivider to have his plat recorded before a Local Improvement can be heard before a L I D Committee and the City Council.

Mr. Buehler said the subdivision regulation put in about 1947 was in error as it allowed a person to lay out a subdivision and request and L I D before the recording of the property. The City Attorney recently ruled that it was impossible to authorize a L I D on unrecorded property so this resolution corrects the situation. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16273:

Amending Ordinance No. 16138 pertaining to condemnation of property in South 74th Street between Puget Sound Avenue and South Tacoma Way. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16254:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4653 for paving and storm drainage on East D Street from East 3rd to East 11th Street, also on East E from East 11th to East 7th and on East 7th Street from East D to East F Street. This Ordinance is continued from the meeting of January 19, 1959 for further discussion.

Mr. Schuster, Public Works Director, explained that two remonstrances were filed just before the Council convened; one from the Union Oil Company and one from the Shell Oil Company. He pointed out on the map the area which was protested. He said on East E Street at the present time there was approximately 52% protest; on East 7th there was 69.2%; on East D there is 34.6%; the combination of East 7th and East E is 59.3% and on the overall district there was 45.7% remonstrance.

Several property owners again were present to protest the L I D.

Mr. Ridman, speaking for the Shell Oil Company, said he felt that the Council should consider that remonstrances have been filed from the Union Oil Company, General Petroleum Associated and the Shell Oil Company objecting the improvement of East 7th from East D to East F Street.

Mr. Adcock of the Fick Foundry said the condition of E Street would become a dangerous situation in the event of an emergency. The truck channelization at the present time is difficult, yet the Foundry is laid out to utilize the channelization of truck traffic.

Mrs. Price said she felt if the majority of the property owners in this area were satisfied with using the street as it is, the L I D should be voted down.

Mrs. Goering said when an L I D is set up and it is understood by the proper owners what area is to be improved, then if the overall district has a high percentage of remonstrances, she is in favor of sustaining the remonstrances. But, she said, after an L I D has been created and an area has been added, that carries a high protest,

which will be figured through the whole area, she hesitated to vote to improve the District. She felt this was questionable and not a very satisfactory method of creating an L I D. Due to the manner in which this was handled, she will have to vote "no" on the ordinance even though she would like to see this L I D go through.

Roll was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 3, Goering, Humiston and Price; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16260:

Amending Sec. 6.68.220 of the Official Code relating to licenses and taxes so that it applies to any business rendering services within the City regardless of location of its place of business. 564

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

Ordinance No. 16261:

Amending Sec. 8.68.020 of the Official Code relating to weights and measures and the establishing of rates to be charged for the operation and use of the city scales.

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

Ordinance No. 16262:

Amending Section 11.36.020 of the Official Code by adding thereto a maximum speed limit of 15 miles per hour in any alley or court.

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

Ordinance No. 16263:

Amending Sections 13.06.010, 13.06.235, 13.06.280 and 13.06.400 of the Official Code of the City relating to zoning of Motel-Trailers.

Mr. Buehler said several meetings had been held with the trailer operators and they are very much in accord with this ordinance. Last week they met with the trailer dealers who asked that single trailers be allowed on private property for a longer period of time, but after some discussion the dealers agreed that it would be best to control the length of time as provided by the Ordinance.

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

Ordinance No. 16264:

Vacating the west 20' of North Junett Street from North 31st to the alley between No. 31st and No. 32nd Streets. 566

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

Ordinance No. 16268:

Providing for the construction of sanitary sewers in Pearl Street from So. 8th 498 457

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to So. 18th; Woodlawn Street from So. 11th to So. 13th and from So. 17th to So. 19th Street and in So. 13th and 17th from Pearl to Woodlawn Street; creating L I D 1969.

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

Ordinance No. 16269:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 2277 for grading and surfacing on Pearl Street from 6th Avenue to So. 19th and on Woodlawn Street from So. 11th to So. 13th Street and from So. 17th to So. 19th Street.

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

Ordinance No. 16270:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5306 for cast iron water mains in Orchard Street from No. 18th to No. 21st Street.

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

Ordinance No. 16271:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 6761 for ornamental Street lights on existing wooden poles on Browns Point Blvd. from the north end of Blossom Drive to the South end of Blossom Drive.

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

Ordinance No. 16272:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5287 for construction of cast iron water mains in So. 12th from Pearl Street to Woodlawn; in Pearl Street from 6th Ave; to South 19th and in So. 19th from Pearl Street to Woodlawn Street.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment Roll for L I D 4634 for Asphaltic concrete pavement, concrete curbs and gutters and storm drains on various streets in the South 56th and M Street area.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that February 24, 1959 be set as the date for hearing on the Assessment roll for L I D 4634. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

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

Report on Water Service to the Town of Fife.

Dr. Humiston said as a manner of procedure, when an individual council member makes a request for information on any matter, he thought it would be best to let him see a draft copy of the report before it was compiled for distribution. In reference to the report he thought it would be helpful to both the council members and the people of Fife to know how much money was involved in engineering an extension of the water

pipe. He felt this report should have included this rough estimate. This information might be important to them in the event they were in the City the water division absorbs that charge and holds it "in suspense" until such time as the L I D is formed.

Another item which was not clear was the rental hydrant information. He said the General Government pays the Water Division \$35.00 per hydrant as a rental fee. Out of that money new hydrants are installed and older hydrants are serviced. Also included in that \$35.00 is the "standby fire service water charge." He did not know how many fire hydrants would be connected to the extended water line between Fife and the Tacoma City limits but it might be if they were to pay the City a proportionate share of this hydrant rental rate, perhaps their water rate might be cheaper than what we pay in the City of Tacoma. He said he felt that this question had not been answered.

He said he was not happy about the Town of Fife being limited to a maximum rate of withdrawal of water for all purposes including fire protection. He felt that needed further examination and wanted the fire hydrant question carried out in dollars and cents.

Mr. Rowlands said they would attempt to bring this information to the Council but that the estimate engineering cost would be based on assumptions.

Mr. Benedetti said they had felt all the questions had been answered but would attempt to bring in further information. He said they could give a percentage figure of the prospective engineering cost. The town of Fife is at present engaged in some feasibility study. They have engaged Thomas & Harstad, Inc. who will come up with some figure before the water main extension. He said they will have to guess at how far the water line would be extended, estimate the sizes of the pipe to come up with a very rough figure, but would do so if Dr. Humiston so desired.

Dr. Humiston said he thought that would be helpful.

Mr. Benedetti said in reference to the hydrant rental and maximum rate of water withdrawal, the metering of any system restricts the line, but it is not the intention of the Water Department to shut the water off once the maximum flow is reached. A meter such as they would put in for Fife, would have a maximum flow leak which, if exceeded, would actually destroy the meter. If the town of Fife is developed to the point where it needed more water, a larger meter would have to be installed to eliminate the destruction. So in effect the Water Department would be giving the town of Fife the same service as any establishment in town.

Dr. Humiston said, but if Fife were in the City there wouldn't be any limit on fire protection water.

Mr. Perdue said in other words, if they were in the City they would have/far better supply of water for fire protection than if they were connected to the line and handled it themselves. He felt the people of Fife should understand that.

Mr. Benedetti said that was correct.

Dr. Humiston said he would like a rough estimate of the number of hydrants that would be installed and to what extent that the City is paying the water division for these hydrants and a breakdown as to what percentage is for water, hydrants, painting, etc.

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John Anderson said he had talked with the Superintendent of Schools in Fife who said the schools are very interested in getting water from the city of Tacoma. He asked Mr. Benedetti if he had talked to the Superintendent of Schools in Fife.

Mr. Benedetti said he had not.

Mr. Anderson asked if the town of Fife could sell water received from Tacoma to the schools or anyone else.

Mr. Benedetti said the contract would provide for Fife to redistribute the water as the Water Department saw fit. He said it had been their thinking not to allow Fife to have any wholesale re-distribution but there might be exceptions such as the case of the schools.

Mr. Benedetti said he would attempt to submit another report covering the points that Dr. Humiston brought out.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Fire Department on the Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Alarm and Radio for the month of December 1958.

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A communication was received from the president of the Mont Downing P.T.A. stating that at their last P.T.A. Meeting held on January 20, 1959 such concern was aroused in reference to the L I D 2295 for the improvement of Orchard Street from So. 12th to No. 26th Street. They pointed out by making Orchard Street an arterial the parents of the children attending the Mont Downing School are deeply concerned for the safety of their children.

Mr. Schuster explained to the Council that Orchard Street has been designated as an arterial in the City's major street plan since 1951. One of the reasons for designating Orchard Street as an arterial was because it runs through to the Lakewood area, whereas Huson Street comes to a dead end about So. 12th Street. He said the School Board was cognizant of this fact when the school was built. Mr. Schuster said the safety of the children, certainly is a problem, but the situation would be no different if Huson Street were developed as the arterial.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, said there is evidence to support the argument that a school adjacent to an arterial is safer than one two or three blocks away. School boy patrols can assist the children across at one or two points when the street is adjacent to a school whereas if the street is a few blocks away the children are trying to cross on their own at numerous points.

Mrs. Price said she felt that these facts should be explained to the people protesting this matter.

Mr. Rowlands said it would be heard before the L I D Committee on Tuesday, January 27, 1959 and at that time they would attempt to answer the protests.

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Mayor Hanson said he had some additional information on the matter of bringing baseball to the City of Tacoma. He said he had many letters from interested citizens encouraging this project.



Mr. Rowlands said Mr. Cheney, owner of Cheney Field, received a letter from Dewey Soriano saying that he and Fred Hutchison would get in touch with Mr. Cheney Saturday or Sunday in regards to the franchise, but he has not heard from them since that time. However, he feels that plans have been completed in having the continuation of Sacramento in the league. He said he had received a number of calls from people interested in the situation.

Mayor Hanson said in regards to the Legislative Program, he felt that the City was making definite progress in the Naches Pass area. The legislative dinner has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 1959 at the Olympian Hotel; social hour at 6:00 P.M., dinner at 7:00 P.M. All of the Legislators have been invited, and also the key figures in the departments. He said he would like representation from Tacoma and said he had tickets for the dinner if anyone wished them.

Mayor Hanson said the legislative program is progressing rapidly and that they owe a vote of thanks to the Pierce County legislators. Mrs. Rasmussen and Mr. Comfort agreed to sponsor the bill regarding the annual twenty-five million dollars a year the Cities are requesting. Mr. G. Dixon sponsored the purchase agreement and the local delegation have given their complete cooperation, he added.

Mr. Rowlands asked that a legislative bulletin be passed out to the Council members. He said this bulletin will be sent out weekly by the Association of Washington Cities pointing out some of the important bills introduced the previous week, the progress being made by these bills and also highlighting some of the hearings scheduled for the week.

Mr. Rowlands said each Monday the members of the legislative committee of the City Council try to prepare a memorandum giving the legislators their views on the various bills. Last year the legislators were very appreciative of this.

He mentioned that Tacoma city officials plan to attend a legislative hearing to urge adoption of a bill allowing cities to adopt minimum standards and the demolition of substandard buildings. The Police and Fire Departments are very interested in this from the standpoint of fire and police protection.

Mr. Rowlands also brought up the matter of the Police Pension Bill. He said the Association Board will have to oppose it as it believes more time should be spent between the Police groups and representatives of the Association before a bill such as this is introduced.

Mr. John Piper and Mr. Henry Carlson, two residents of Leach Creek, complained of the heavy water flow coming down the creek because of the City's storm drain trunk. <sup>48</sup> <sub>339</sub> <sub>595</sub>

Mr. Carlson said the City had promised them that a catch basin and dam would be built before any water was emptied into the creek.

Mr. Schuster explained the City's west end storm drain trunk is under construction but is not yet connected to the pipe which was laid under Fircrest to empty into Leach Creek. He said Fircrest has some connections to the pipe and that it might be possible that some ground water entered the upper end from the City. He pointed out that the creek starts in a natural drainage basin and said most of the high water problems

are due to the recent heavy rains.

City Attorney Marshall McCormick said the City is still in the process of acquiring property for the dam and catch basin it is to build below Fircrest to control the flow of storm water.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Schuster to look into the matter further and report back to the Council.

There being no further business to come beofre the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Gen. Hanson  
Chairman of the City Council

Attest: Josephine Nelson  
City Clerk