

Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.  
 Tuesday, June 7, 1960

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday, Murtland, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Porter.

According to the provisions of the City Charter, the following newly elected Mayor and Council Members were administered the oath of office by the City Clerk: Mr. Ben Hanson, as Mayor; Mr. W. G. "Gerry" Bott, Position No. 5 - Councilman; Mr. George Cvitanich, Position No. 6, Councilman; Mr. Hal. Murtland, Position No. 8, Councilman; Mr. Patrick M. Steele, Position No. 7; Councilman. The members then assumed their respective chairs.

Mr. Steele asked if there had been any change made in the minutes of May 23rd, as they were set over until this week for approval.

Mr. Mladinov, who had asked at last week's Council meeting that the minutes be postponed for one week, said he had discussed the contents of the minutes with Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, who advised him that the City's tape recording would be preserved for any future use, and that the tape recording would take precedence over the actual minutes if a Court case should occur, therefore, he did not think there would be any occasion to amend the minutes.

Mr. Steele stated the minutes of the May 31st meeting indicate Mr. Mladinov had taken a recording of the Council meetings and asked if it was the practice of outsiders to record the proceedings of the Council and then delay the approval of the minutes while a check is being made of the transcript.

Mr. Mladinov replied that the City Clerk had permitted him to take a recording of the tape of the Council meeting and he had compared the recording with the copy of the minutes prepared by the Clerk. He said he believed the Council should consider the request of a private attorney when an important matter such as Lee Creek is being discussed. He said he appreciated receiving a copy of the minutes and also the delay in the approval of the minutes until this evening.

Mr. Steele said he was only questioning the wording of the 2nd line of the 4th paragraph of the Council Minutes.

He then added that the minutes should be corrected to state Mr. Mladinov had taken a recording of the City Clerk's tape of the May 23rd Council meeting.

Mayor Hanson suggested that the wording could be considered at the next Council meeting when the minutes are approved.

Mr. Murtland explained he was not present at last week's meeting at the time the approval of the minutes was considered. He felt that a member of the audience did not have any right to ask for a continuation or postponement of the approval of the minutes and thought a precedent should not be set in this respect.

Mayor Hanson said he did not feel they were establishing a precedent, but this was done as a matter of courtesy and there was no burden placed upon the Council by the postponement. He agreed a precedent should not be set.

Mr. Rowlands asked if it would be agreeable to the Council Members if the minutes were mailed on Monday inasmuch as it is not possible ~~for them to be~~ completed before Friday due to the change in the Council meeting.

Mr. Rowlands added that the balance of the Agenda material would be sent out on Friday as usual.

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# CITY OF TACOMA



WASHINGTON

May 27, 1960

**NOTICE:**

You are hereby notified that on May 9, 1960, the City Council amended the Council Rules changing the time of the City Council meetings from Monday at 4:00 P.M. to Tuesday at 7:00 P. M. COMMENCING JUNE 7, 1960.

  
JOSEPHINE MELTON  
City Clerk

There being no objections from the Council, it was the consensus that the minutes be either mailed or delivered to the Councilmembers on Monday instead of being sent with their Agendas on Friday.

Mr. Easterday moved that the minutes of May 23, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Mr. Murtland moved that the minutes of May 31, 1960 be postponed for one week inasmuch as the Council members have not had an opportunity to read them. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

#### HEARINGS & APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the vacation of a portion of the old Pacific Co., right-of-way lying between the west line of So. Prospect St., extended and the north line of So. 19th Street. Petition of Jardeen Bros. 139  
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Mayor Hanson stated this vacation was approved by the Planning Commission by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Russell Buehler, Planning Director, explained this was a portion of the old Pacific Traction R/W at So. 19th and Prospect. In 1952 a portion on the east side of Prospect, north of So. 19th Street, was vacated to realign the street. The sidewalks have been placed in the manner of a standard street intersection and a triangular portion was left. He added, this triangular piece is the portion to be vacated at this time.

Mr. Cvitanich said, in the Planning Commission's recommendation it states that the property is to be used for off street parking, and asked for what type of business will this property be used?

Mr. Buehler replied there is a grocery store located at this intersection and this lot has already been developed for parking use.

Mr. Easterday then moved that the proper ordinance be drawn approving the vacation. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

#### PETITIONS:

Petition of Jeannette Field requesting the rezoning of property located on the N. E. corner of So. 64th and Puget Sound to be rezoned from an "R-3" District to an "R-3<sup>T</sup>" District. For referral to the Planning Commission. 294

#### RESOLUTIONS:

##### Resolution No. 16164:

Fixing Monday June 27, 1960 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on L I D 2315 for grading and oil mat surface on East 62nd Street from I to East K Street. 273

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It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16165:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co., for L I D 4553 on their bid of \$93,472.15 and for the supplemental proposal in the amount of \$594.00, which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

Mayor Hanson stated he had received a request to postpone action on this Resolution for one week to allow more time to check on one or two matters. He stated, if it did not hold up the City's program he would request this Resolution be postponed for one week to June 14.

Mrs. Price then moved that Resolution No. 16165 be postponed to June 14, 1960. Seconded by Mr. Bott.

Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Resolution No. 16166:

Approving the proposed plan for construction by the State Highway Department of the Thompson Avenue undercrossing in the City of Tacoma.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Mr. Rowlands explained it is urgent that this Resolution be adopted as the bids were opened yesterday by the State for the construction of the bridge over Thompson Avenue.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman

Resolution No. 16167:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute and deliver to Joseph McGhee a local improvement assessment deed upon payment of \$900.21 for property located on the north side of So. 41st Street between So. Hosmer and Wilkeson Streets.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Murtland.

Mr. Rowlands advised that the City will realize \$102.00 on this transaction by clearing the title on this property.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16168:

The City Council of the City of Tacoma individually and publicly express and extend their thanks and appreciation and commendation to Paul Perdue for his many years of service as a member of the Council of the City of Tacoma for the period from June, 1953 to June 6, 1960.

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It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16169:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to proceed with the necessary plans and specifications for the financing and construction of the impounding basin on Leach Creek south of Fircrest.

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Mr. Easterday moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if any reports have been received from the Dept. of Fisheries in regard to this matter.

Mr. Rowlands replied they had not, but they have heard from Mr. Anderson, Engineer for the Dept. of Fisheries, and advised they were gathering information which should be available by next week.

Mr. Bott stated a letter had been received by each Councilmember from Mayor W. Ramsdell of Fircrest, regarding this problem.

Mayor Hanson asked that the Clerk read the letter which was submitted by Mayor Ramsdell, in protest to the City of Tacoma installing a holding basin on the site selected.

The letter stated that in May of 1959, a meeting was held with Mr. Rowlands and the Engineering staff regarding the holding basin. This meeting was held due to the objections of the Town of Fircrest, the Tacoma School District #10, and the Pierce County Planning Commission to the site selected, and a formal protest was made against the installation of a basin south of Fircrest. It was pointed out that on the northern boundary of Fircrest there is a swamp caused by natural drainage from Tacoma, and they objected to the destruction of useful property which is so close to the southern limits of Fircrest.

It further stated in the letter they were led to believe by the previous administration, that a holding basin would be installed further down Leach Creek so as not to prevent the future growth of Fircrest; also that the Pierce County Planning Commission advised Mr. Rowlands by letter that this location was contrary to their study of proper land use for this area; and the Tacoma School District #10 also objected, as the holding basin would be adjacent to the site for a new Elementary school which is already in the planning stages

Mr. Rowlands said at this meeting it was pointed out that a holding basin had been contemplated at the time the trunk sewers were constructed. He said the officials of Fircrest were not unaware of the holding basin being installed below the storm drains. When the town of Fircrest permitted the City to run the storm drains through Fircrest, the Fircrest storm drains were also coming into this larger drain. This matter was subsequently reviewed by the City Council in a study session with the Press in attendance. After some study and further discussions, it was agreed this was the only solution. He added, by placing the Basin north of Fircrest it would not solve the problem. He said the Tacoma School District knew of this plan approximately one and one-half years ago and saw fit to purchase this property for a school, knowing that the basin would be constructed here. There was nothing secretive about the matter as it was known to all parties concerned and, as far as the engineering staff is concerned, there was no change in the solution to the problem.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Schuster to comment on the effect of construction of the basin north of Fircrest.

Mr. G. Schuster, Director of Public Works, stated by placing the basin north of 19th Street, the area west of the swamp would contribute to the Leach Creek Water Basin. It is not possible to bring this area into the holding basin area, which ties in immediately north of 19th street. To best serve the area it is felt by placing the basin south of Fircrest it would serve the area better than north of Fircrest, and if it were south, it would also be beneficial to Fircrest.

Mr. Bott stated that in the letter from Mayor Ramsdell, he understood that Fircrest was under the assumption that no water was being added to the drains from the Fircrest area.

Mr. Schuster replied that Fircrest is contributing to the 60" pipe that goes down their main street; they also have another separate line east and also west of the line that runs into the Leach Creek area.

Mr. Bott explained the letter indicated that by placing the basin north of 19th Street it would correct the problem instead of the location at which the City proposes to construct the basin.

Mr. Steele asked Mr. Pedersen what was the County Planning Commission's part in this matter?

Mr. Pedersen, member of the County Planning Commission, explained that the Pierce County Planning Commission had not acted on this matter pro or con to his recollection.

Mr. Rowlands also stated that he could not recall receiving such a letter from Pierce County Planning, but he would check the files to make sure.

Mr. Pedersen advised that some time ago the matter was presented to the County Planning Commission informally and they took the position that until a formal request was made they would not submit an opinion.

Mayor Hanson stated there were a number of allegations in the letter which could be checked and are subject to questioning. He also stated the suggestion contained in the letter from the Mayor of Fircrest has been analyzed by the Public Works Department staff and the conclusion is that it would not serve the purpose necessary to control the waters of Leach Creek.

Mr. Cvitanich asked to have Mr. Mladinov explain his feeling on the Resolution.

Mr. Mladinov explained, in his discussion with the State Dept. of Fisheries' representative, Mr. R. B. Anderson, that a survey and study was made of the Creek bed and that water and silt samples were taken and sent to the Washington State Pollution Control Commission for analysis, evaluation and report. He said he knew of several hydraulic engineering problems which arose in the first study but did not become known until the evaluation of the data was returned from Seattle. Mr. Mladinov said, Mr. Anderson of the State Dept. of Fisheries also informed him that this data should be available in written form for presentation and discussion with the Mayor some time next week.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. Easterday if he would agree to a week's postponement of the Resolution.

Mr. Easterday replied that the quicker the City proceeds with the construction of the Impounding Basin the less possibility of a damage claim this winter. The surveying and engineering work can proceed at this time, but the contracts would not be let for awhile.

Mr. Murtland stated he has not seen the necessity, or the urgency of this project at this time. He said after touring the area in question he could not find the extreme damage which is claimed. In visiting Mr. Carlson's property, he could see damage, but believed it was caused by artificial means which Mr. Carlson had used to make a new waterway. He added that the Council has been informed by Mr. Schuster that the impounding basin will be needed in the future, but is not needed at the present time.

Mr. Bott remarked that he understood the basin is to be constructed in the future, and due to future paving projects, there would be more water passing through the area. He said they have already acquired the property and it is a question as to when will be the better time for the construction of the basin, as the need has already been established.

Mr. Steele stated, the Council has surveyed the area, and have received the readings of the 3 metering stations for January 23 and 30th, 1960, which reflect a relatively small amount of water entering at So. 19th as compared to that at Bridgeport Way. He said he felt the damage was due, not to the run-off from the City, but to the topographical lay of the land. In the area of the Meadow Park Golf Course, where there are large, open and canyon-like areas, it creates large run-offs and waterfall conditions. There is much sandy soil in the area, and it is clear that the big Fir trees that slid into the canyon were natural attachments of the elements and not from the water coming from a 6 foot pipe carrying water from Fircrest and Tacoma.

Mr. Steele further stated, he agreed this basin should be built but did not know when. The Public Works Director has not indicated it had to be done today, furthermore, he stated, money is not available at this time.

Mayor Hanson asked if before the holding basin is designed will it be necessary that the studies from the State be available and will a hearing be held on the design.

Mr. Schuster replied, it could have an effect on the design as he did not know what requests will be made by the State. It would be useless for the City to design a basin that would not be compatible to the State, he added.

Mayor Hanson stated, inasmuch as the reports have not been received from the State, and also because of the letter received from Mayor Ramsdell of Fircrest, he would request the Resolution be postponed for at least one week as he would like to meet with Mayor Ramsdell and discuss the matter.

Mr. Rowlands said, during the past year the flow had reached the highest point, and the damage is being charged to the City of Tacoma because of excessive flow but, he added, the maximum flow had not been reached even under the existing conditions. He said a great deal of additional information with regard to a decision should be obtained before any action is taken on the matter.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be postponed for one week to June 14, 1960. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Roll call was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 4; Nays 3, Bott, Cvitanich, Easterday; Absent 1, Porter.

Mayor Hanson stated he would contact Mayor Ramsdell and report back to the Council.

#### FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

##### Ordinance No. 16585:

Vacating a portion of street right-of-way on the S. E. corner of 6th Avenue and Jackson Avenue. Read by title and passed.

Mr. Bott asked if the area being vacated is within the boundaries of the retaining wall, which has been constructed on the southeast corner,

Mr. Buehler replied that was correct. He said this will not impair the right-of-way on either 6th Avenue or Jackson Avenue, as the triangular area will be a part of their property.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the City would lose any of 6th Avenue or Jackson Avenue by this vacation.

Mr. Buehler said they would not as there will be a 100 foot right-of-way on 6th Avenue and 90 feet at 6th & Jackson going to the north which widens as it nears Olympic Boulevard.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

##### Ordinance No. 16586:

Amending Chapter 5.30 of the Official Code of the City in reference to Domestic Fowl. Read by title.

Mrs. Price explained that the Tacoma Racing Pigeon Club had asked that an amendment to Sec. 5.30.040 <sup>of this Ordinance</sup> be submitted as follows:



Sec. 4. That Sec. 5.30.040 of the Official Code of the City of Tacoma be, and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**5.30.040 Homing or Racing Pigeons.** It shall be lawful for any member of a recognized National Pigeon Association which supplies pigeons to the U. S. Armed Forces in times of emergency, to keep, house and allow to fly for exercise within the corporate limits, homing or racing pigeons which are suitable and of the type used as messengers in time of war and in civil defense and which are banded with numbered leg bands showing the same to be registered with such associations, providing such pigeons are not kept so as to constitute a nuisance or create a hazard to public health, repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith.

Mr. Bott asked if the purpose of the entire Ordinance was not to allow anything that would be a detriment to Public Health.

Mrs. Price explained this was only in addition to the Ordinance.

Mr. Bott added he knew pigeons were important in time of war, and asked how many racing pigeon lofts were in the area.

Mr. James Sullivan, representing the Tacoma Racing Pigeon Club, said their group was a member of the Puget Sound Park Board Association which owns a club in Everett, three in Seattle, two in Tacoma, and also one in Shelton. There are approximately 121 members who own and fly up to 17,000 to 18,000 birds. There are 35 lofts in Tacoma with approximately 40 pigeons to each loft. He said their group was in accord with the necessity for an ordinance which would keep pigeons from becoming a nuisance. He said it was imperative that their pigeons are exercised each day. They are let out only for brief periods before feeding.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. McCormick if there were any provisions in the Ordinance for a review in the event a Pigeon Fancier feels he has been wronged.

Mr. McCormick explained there is no provision for a review, but added the Council can amend the Ordinance at any time.

Mr. Cvitanich said, in other words if an individual feels he has been wronged, there is no opportunity to go to the Health Office.

Mr. McCormick pointed out that the Health Officer issues the permit, and if the person so desires, he could always appear before the Council who would investigate the matter.

Mr. Rowlands said it should be explained that under this proviso it is recommended that the signatures be obtained from not less than two-thirds of the property owners or occupants within 300 feet in each direction consenting to the keeping of the birds. He added that upon the receipt of the letters of consent by the Health Officers, they can release such pigeons for exercise or performance at stated times or intervals.

Mr. Sullivan said he did not feel it was necessary to obtain the signatures of the property owners at a distance of 300 feet, but only from those whose property abuts that of the pigeon owners.

Mrs. Price said this 200 foot distance was put in the Ordinance at the request of the Health Dept., and at last week's meeting a motion was made that it be changed to 300 feet.

Mrs. Price then moved that the "feet" distance be changed back to 200 feet. The Motion was lost for the want of a second.

Mr. Murtland stated he felt the phrase in the proposed amendment which reads "which supplies pigeons to the United States Armed Forces in times of emergency" was superfluous and unnecessary, as in no way does the Ordinance describe any particular organization.

Mrs. Price asked if it would be in order to postpone the Ordinance for one week so as to have the Ordinance redrafted by the Attorney.

Mayor Hanson said he thought that would be in order so that the amendment could be incorporated into the Ordinance.

Mr. Richard Stevens, a member of the Parkland Pigeon Racing Club, stated he believed the proposed Ordinance was too strict.

Mr. Eric Abelson spoke on behalf of the young boys who raised pigeons for a hobby and couldn't afford the more expensive varieties. He felt it was wrong to restrict the hobbies of these young boys.

Mr. Ted Klein of the Puget Sound Pigeon Fanciers, explained that his group has 30 members and about 20 of whom are young boys. He said it was better for these boys to raise pigeons as a hobby than to have them running the streets.

Mrs. Price then moved that the Ordinance be referred to the City Attorney for redrafting. Seconded by Easterday.

Mr. Cvitanich said he felt it was wrong to postpone action on the Ordinance as the Council should vote on it today.

Mr. Easterday said he had not heard any specific testimony to indicate that pigeons were a nuisance or a menace to health.

Mayor Hanson stated he was sure an Ordinance could be drafted to cover the requests of the Council, for presentation next week.

Voice vote was then taken on the Ordinance, redrafting Ordinance, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 1, Cvitanich; Absent 1, Porter.

Ordinance No. 16587:

Amending Chapter 8.28 of the Official Code of the City in reference to public safety and morals - illegal use and possession of narcotics. Read by title.

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Mr. Cvitanich said it did not spell out in the Ordinance that these drugs should be obtained under the prescription of a licensed doctor in the State of Washington.

Marshall McCormick, City Attorney, explained that the Ordinance states, "it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, have under their control, etc., barbituates, and impediment drugs except as authorized by law." This would include the provisions of any local, state or Federal Law, he added.

Roll was then called on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll Call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Ordinance No. 16588:

L I D 3502

Providing for the improvement of L I D 3502 for sanitary sewers in So. 66th Street, from Wapato to Sprague Streets. Read by title.

Mr. Easterday asked, where it appears that the property accrues no benefits by the construction, would the property owners be assessed for the construction?

Mr. McCormick said when the assessment roll is prepared all of the property owners are assessed pursuant to law.

Mr. Easterday asked Mr. Schuster if in figuring the estimates for the construction of this sewer and the assessments which will accrue against the property if an allowance has been made for the area that lays lower than the sewer.

Mr. Schuster explained he understood there was no allowance made on the preliminary roll, but some adjustments would have to be made on the final roll.

Mr. Easterday asked, in the event the property owners would not benefit from the construction, who would assume the unpaid portion of the assessment, and how much would it amount to.

Mr. Schuster advised that the Sewer Utility would assume the assessment, but did not know offhand how much it would amount to.

Mr. Murtland said he attended the L I D Committee Meeting when this improvement was discussed, and it was decided that a pump be installed at an additional expense of \$5,000.00 which would have to be distributed among the property owners, but it would require the unanimous consent of all of the property owners, and if not, the pump could not be installed.

Mr. Murtland said he had talked to Mr. Damis who said he was not interested in the pump. Mr. Murtland said Mr. Damis was the only person interested in knowing if his property would be benefited or not.

Mr. McCormick said often times it is a question as to whether or not certain pieces of property are benefited by improvements. The fact that property which is situated below a sewer line may be benefited to some extent as the owners may be able to connect to the line by installing their own pumps. That is where the Law has protected all of the property owners, as on the preliminary estimate most of the property is included. The Courts have held, if a person can establish that his property is not benefited to the amount which he is assessed, he has the right to have the assessment reduced.

Mr. Easterday asked if figures could be obtained on the difference in cost between the gravity system and the installation of a pump system.

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

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following Assessment Rolls for hearing:

L I D 2255 for sidewalks on South and East 56th Street between Pacific Avenue and East L Streets; 50:345  
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L I D 4658 for paving, curbs and gutters and storm basins on North 17th Street from Jackson Avenue to Juniper; Cascade from North 17th to Fir, and from Juniper to North 17th Street. 50:24

It was moved by Mr. Easterday, seconded by Mrs. Price that Monday, July 11, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

REPORTS:

## MC-302 - City Street needs for the City of Tacoma:

Mr. Rowlands said the Public Works Department should be commended for the tremendous amount of work in preparing the "Summary of Street Improvement Needs" for the City of Tacoma. He said all the cities in the State, the Counties and the State Highway Department are submitting their needs to the Interim Committee for ultimate consideration by the State Legislature.

The report poses a very serious problem as to what relief, if any, will be given to the cities by the State at the next session of the Legislature.

He said that Tuesday, June 14th, the Interim Committee will be meeting at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle from 10:00 A. M. until 4:00 or 5:00 P. M., and, he thought it would be wise to have a good representation present from the City to express the city's views and needs.

Mayor Hanson stated the City would prepare their presentation for the hearing and urged all that could, to attend.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands explained several weeks ago, a Resolution was presented to Council which was tabled at that time, authorizing Mr. Louis M. Pedersen to prepare plans and specifications in relation to the Training Tower for the Fire Department.

Mr. Rowlands then asked that the Resolution be considered at this time.

It was then moved by Mr. Steele to take Resolution No. 16117 from the table. Motion seconded by Mr. Murtland. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Mr. Rowlands explained, in the meantime, the Planning Commission Staff has reviewed a number of sites for the possible location of the tower, and the property which would be the most suitable is eventually planned as a future site for another fire station in the tideflats area. The site chosen is on Marshall Avenue opposite the U. S. Oil Refining Company.

This site, he added, lends itself to the long range planning for fire stations. Mr. Rowlands further stated that the property could not be obtained from the Port Commission without compensation and many of the Port's sites are selling for approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 per acre. Mr. Rowlands, said he believed they could secure an option from the Port for a little over \$2,000 an acre for this site. Very little preparation will be required for the use of this land.

Mr. Easterday asked how many acres would be required.

Mr. Rowlands replied that approximately 5 acres would be needed. He said they hoped to secure matching funds from the State Civil Defense on a 50% basis, inasmuch as this tower will be used for training auxiliary firemen, and industrial firemen from the various plants. He added, that perhaps something could be worked out with the State Fire Marshal to be reimbursed for some of the work the State is carrying on.

Mr. Bott asked if the City owned any property now that would be suitable.

Mr. Rowlands stated there was no property owned by the City which would be usable. There is 6 1/2 acres owned by the Utility Department which would be acceptable but, would not be in the right location for future planning purposes.

Mr. Rowlands further explained they would like to have the plans prepared and submitted by the Architect by July 1st. Some of the work has been done by

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Mr. Louis Pedersen on his own up until now.

Mr. Bott asked if the Port of Tacoma is making a "token charge" for the property, or is that the going rate for the land.

Mr. Rowlands stated this was not the going rate, as they would normally get \$4,000 to \$5,000 an acre, but the Port Commissioners have recognized the fact that the center will be of mutual benefit to both the Port and the City.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the City should have a representative from the Council, such as Mr. Easterday, doing liaison work with the Port. He said he felt the City should be represented with the Port in some degree.

Mr. Rowlands stated in many instances, Mayor Hanson has met with the members of the Port Commission on various items, but in this particular case, he said they expect to arrange for meetings with the Port and the City Council on the matter.

Mr. Murtland asked if there was any possibility of obtaining this property by lease.

Mr. Rowlands stated the Port is not acceptable to long term leases, although the payments for the property could be arranged over a period of from 4 to 5 years. He believed a plan could be presented which will come within the \$75,000 made available by the millage election.

MR. Easterday stated if \$10,000 of the available funds are spent on the property for the tower, how would this affect the rest of the program.

Mr. Rowlands replied that an 8" water line will have to be installed on the site, as the Port does not expect to utilize a line in that area. If, in the future, the Port properties abutting this line would connect to the line, they would be expected to assume some of the cost. The line will cost approximately \$9,000 to install.

Mr. Easterday asked if the additional firefighters have been employed that were authorized.

Mr. Rowlands replied that all of them have not been employed as yet, as examinations were required; but they would be employed this summer.

Mr. Easterday asked if they would be employed in time to place the City in a Class III rating.

Mr. Rowlands explained the survey would not be made again until 1961 and by that time all of the equipment will be received.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Louis Pedersen, Architect, to present his views at this time.

Mr. Pedersen pointed out that originally in discussing this matter with the Fire Department Staff, figures were based on a \$75,000 budget without the property costs. Since the discussions, it was determined that the property costs should be deducted from the \$75,000. Now the plans are to build a five story training tower, and, adjacent to the tower, a rectangular building approximately 20' x 60' to be used for fire training in which any type of fire could actually be built inside the building and extinguished. In addition, they are contemplating a fire proof building of sufficient size which would accommodate fifty firemen for classroom purposes, and also related office space for the staff.

For the facilities mentioned, he said they had arrived at a figure of \$60,760.00.

If other matching funds are available, showers will be installed which the men need after the training period, also storage for hose and other equipment, and shop facilities will be on the site.

Mr. Easterday said the facilities Mr. Pedersen outlined would cost \$60,760, and the land and water line at an additional \$19,000, this would cost approximately \$80,000 which would be \$14,000 over the estimated cost of the project.

Mr. Rowlands stated the City had picked up approximately \$3,000 on the estimates of the small equipment, and said they will know in approximately 2 weeks what the bids will be on the cost of the Fire Engines.

Mr. Bott asked if all avenues had been approached in regard to the property, and whether or not a 99 year lease could be obtained from the Port, at approximately \$1,00 per year. He said it would be of mutual advantage to the Port if this could be arranged.

Mr. Easterday suggested that the City propose to purchase the property for \$10,000 from the Port Commission. He stated that \$1,000 could be paid at this time and a \$1,000 payment made annually, with no interest on the unpaid balance.

Mr. Bott asked if it were possible to go ahead and plan the building without knowing the exact topography of the land.

Mr. Pedersen stated that inasmuch as a Port site has been selected, and their property is basically flat, the only factor would be for the final drawings, and as long as the deadline for the plans is July 1st, all of the preliminary research could be completed before that time.

Mr. Cvitanich asked Mr. McCormick if he prepared the Resolution, and if it were to the best interests of the City, as drafted.

Mr. McCormick stated the Resolution was drafted some time ago, and the usual form for the hiring of Architects was used.

Mr. Rowlands stated that as far as the pits for oil burning is concerned, the Oil Institute will construct them at their own cost, and, he added, this equipment is for training in the use of foam, etc.

Mayor Hanson stated he believed the Resolution should be adopted at this time so that the planning may get under way.

He stated that a meeting would be desirable next week with the members of the Port Commission, if a suitable time can be arranged.

Voice vote was taken on Mr. Cvitanich's motion to adopt the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

#### COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council that Thursday, June 9th, the official dedication ceremonies will be held for the Baseball Park. He said the Council should make a final determination at this time as to the name of the Stadium inasmuch as the programs must be completed for that evening. He stated the name had been chosen only so far as to name the Park after Mr. Cheney, but there had been many variations discussed.

Mr. Easterday stated that in view of the contributions made by Mr. Cheney, he felt the stadium should be named after him.

Mr. Easterday moved that the name "Cheney Stadium" be selected.  
 Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Mr. Rowlands explained that excavation was started yesterday for the construction of 650 additional pavilion seats at the Ball Park. He said several discussions have been held with Mr. Ryan of the Giant Club regarding the fencing of the area behind right field. They realize in attempting to keep youngsters off the hill they would be required to spend some \$30,000 to \$40,000. In attempting to prevent vandalism by the youngsters digging and crawling under the fence, they have decided to change the existing fence by providing a "V" frame with barbed wire strands on the top and also to set the fence in concrete. This would cost approximately \$5000 and would protect the investment made by both City and the County.

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Mr. Bott asked if they would also fence in "Tightwad Hill."

Mr. Rowlands explained that Mr. Ryan has released the City from the obligation of fencing the hill after he learned it would cost approximately \$30,000 to do it properly.

Mr. Rowlands said it would be advisable for a motion to proceed with the plan outlined which would cost \$2252.64 for the City's share.

It was moved by Mr. Bott to proceed with the construction of a "V" frame barbed wire fence, the construction of the concrete curbing under the fence and the placing of a plywood screen adjacent to the entrance of the Park. Seconded by Mr. Steele.

Mr. McEvitanich asked if anything had been done regarding the steps within the Stadium.

Mr. Rowlands pointed out that the seats were not all the same size which resulted in the occasional blank spaces in the steps. He said in order to correct this a few blocks could be inserted.

Voice vote was called on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Porter.

Mayor Hanson stated he had received many calls regarding the paving of the Parking Lot, and advised that all of the work has not yet been completed. He thought the driving conditions would be better after the dirt has had an opportunity to settle.

Mr. Steele explained he has heard a lot of criticism regarding the Parking as there are no exit directions.

Mr. Rowlands said when he has attended any games there has been a Policeman directing traffic on Bantz Bl<sup>g</sup>. at the end of the ball games.

Mrs. Price said she believed the traffic conjection was on the inside of the Parking lot, rather than on the street.

Mr. Rowlands stated that he understood that another ticket office was contemplated for the north side of the field so that persons parking on the north would not have to go clear around the field, which would be a big help, and also could leave through the same gate.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if there were plans for the utilization of the Ball Park after the close of the season.

Mr. Rowlands stated the Ball Park Commission are working on a schedule of rates and charges for presentation to the Council.

Mr. Steele said that Attorney John Paglia had contacted him regarding the one-way traffic petition on K Street that he had filed sometime ago with the Council and asked if it could be put on the agenda for next week.

Mr. Rowlands stated that when the Commerce one-way streets were decided they did include in general the entire one-way street pattern. He said they also considered the effect of one street on the other.

Mr. Easterday stated that progress is being made with regard to an alternate proposition in providing downtown parking which will be considerably cheaper than the garages. He said he did not want to divulge any of the details until he had definite percentage figures, both as to the amount of parking and the probable cost.

Mr. Bott asked what had been done to raise money to employ additional Policemen. In view of the recent assault on a young boy, he said there should be a greater coverage on the Youth Guidance Division. He asked that serious consideration be given as to how funds can be raised for additional Police Personnel.

Mrs. Price suggested that a meeting be held to find out what the City can do and how many policemen can be added. She said it was time that the Youth Guidance Division be given more support, even if cuts must be made elsewhere.

Mr. Cvitanich stated the downtown area has the Paddywagons for protection which employs two policemen; also the occasional officer who goes through town. The Police Dept. is not only short handed in the Youth Guidance Division but throughout the entire Department.

Mr. Rowlands stated that last year at this time a report was submitted on the possible ways of meeting the problem with possible sources to be tapped. He added they would be glad to prepare additional material for discussion.

Mr. Easterday said nothing has been brought up about the amount of revenue the City will lose by virtue of the Census Report. He was afraid the budget will be far tighter than any the City has yet experienced.

Mr. Bott asked Mr. Rowlands what the results were of the spot check on the Census tabulation.

Mr. Rowlands stated they are not prepared to submit information to the Council as yet, as Mr. Calvin Schmid, of the Census Bureau of Seattle, is having some of their men double check the results of the City's survey which was made last week.

Mr. Rowlands further added that Mr. Schmid said he would appreciate the City not revealing any of the facts until the Census Bureau has had an opportunity to evaluate what had been done.

Mr. Cvitanich asked if the shortage was a result of an over estimate of population since the last census.



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Mr. Rowlands added that every time an estimate was made it was made with the blessing and cooperation of the State Census personnel. Each year they must approve the figure submitted by the Planning staff.

Mayor Hanson stated that the City of Buckley, by the passage of their Resolution #281, has officially adopted the Tacoma Giants as their Buckley team. He said the spirit displayed in the Resolution is very fine, and he added, copies will be made and sent out to the members.

Mrs. Price at this time introduced several girls from Lincoln High School who, she said, asked that the Council meet with them for a few minutes immediately after the Council session.

Mr. Henry Carlbon in a discussion of the Cowlitz Bond Issue, asked if the issuing of the \$32,000,000.00 in Cowlitz Bonds was cleared and passed by the Security Exchange Commission.

Mayor Hanson stated the City was not under their jurisdiction.

Mr. Calvin Corey of 4210 So. 34th, representing employees of the South Tacoma Shops of the Northern Pacific Railway, appeared before the Council and requested that further steps be taken to step up the City's campaign to keep industries in Tacoma. 209

He said that no doubt the Northern Pacific officials will assure Tacoma they are not pulling out, and no doubt they will leave the buildings. He said the machinery has been transferred by the Railroad to Livingston, Montana, but he said, they cannot get the men. The officials at Livingston went to St. Paul, Minnesota and discussed the matter with the President of the Northern Pacific Railroad and they got action on their behalf.

Mr. Corey urged the Council to step up their campaign to keep this industry in Tacoma. He added that the Press and the various businessmen in town should also assist in this effort.

Mr. Bott asked Mr. Corey to have his group contact the Industrial Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce for their effort in this respect.

Mayor Hanson stated Tacoma's success lies in the various industries, and added that the City Council will look into this situation and see if other means can be exerted to retain this work in Tacoma. He also stated they will meet with the Industrial Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce and in addition see if they can get some of the shippers to change their position, and also stimulate more interest in this line.

Mr. Easterday asked Mr. Corey how many men are employed at this time at the South Tacoma Shops.

Mr. Corey spoke on behalf of only the Locomotive Dept, that at one time there were 190 machinists employed, whereas now they have but 41.

Mr. Cvitanich stated in regard to last week's discussion regarding the coverage of the meetings by the Press, that there was an excellent book at the Tacoma Public Library entitled "The Right to Know" which, he said, goes into the total facet which covers the Judicial, Legislative both from the Legislative aspect

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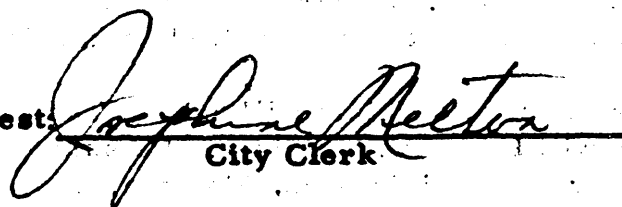
and the Newspaper aspect. This book was written by a former President of the Associated Press.

Mr. Bott asked the status of the televising of the Council Meetings.

Mayor Hanson stated he would have additional information in this respect the middle of next week. He added, they are looking for sponsors for the broadcast, and the station has not decided whether or not they will run the broadcast for a time without the benefit of sponsors.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:   
City Clerk

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**RESOLUTIONS:****Resolution No. 16117:****By Perdue:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into a written agreement with Louis M. Pedersen, A.I.A. Architect, to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the construction of a Fire Training Center.

It was moved by Mr. Cvitanich that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

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