

Monday, March 21, 1955.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 1; Stojack.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Absent 1; Stojack.

The Mayor reported that representatives from South Tacoma were present to protest against the proposed channelizations to be installed at 66th and 74th on South Tacoma Way, and suggested that the group be heard at this time rather than at the conclusion of the session. Moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue, to suspend Rule 10 in order to allow them to speak before the Council. Carried unanimously.

Mr. August Gratzler, who owns 275 feet frontage on South Tacoma Way at South 7th Street protested the "No Parking" signs which have been recently installed, preparatory to putting in the channelization, which prohibits parking on South Tacoma Way for a distance of approximately 400 feet on each side of the intersection. He claimed this regulation was discriminatory, illegal and unconstitutional and would greatly lower the value of his property. Duane Prosser, who is in the piano business at 6425 South Tacoma Way, and Jim Harkness of the Harkness Rug and Furniture Co. likewise spoke against the regulations. Mr. Don Medley, spokesman for the used car dealers in the vicinity of 74th and South Tacoma Way, said this regulation would harm their business. He said a survey showed that 25,000 cars passed this intersection in 14 hours and of this number only 330 made left turns. He felt some other solution could be worked out to accommodate this small minority, rather than penalize businessmen at these intersections by the "No Parking" signs. It was pointed out that parking is allowed in the main Business District of South Tacoma and the problem handled by "No Left Turn" signs at 52nd, 54th, and 56th Streets and it was suggested that similar signs be installed at 74th and 66th. Mr. Kosai, Traffic Engineer, explained that the No Parking regulation was made necessary in order to meet the State Highway Department's requirements and specifications for the channelizations, as the lanes are so wide that no space is left for parking. Mr. Perdue suggested widening the intersection at these points and asked the estimate of cost for this work. Mr. Kosai informed him it would cost approximately \$15,000 to widen the street. Other suggestions for solving the problem were slowing down traffic to 27 miles an hour further out, better synchronizing of traffic lights, narrowing of channels, etc. Mr. Medley reported that he had conferred with Geo. Madsen, who had been awarded the contract for channelization and who was ready to begin the work, and he was willing to cancel the contract if the City took the 2600 feet of curbing off his hands at cost (\$3,000) and paid him \$500 in addition. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the City Manager be instructed to hold up the contract for channelization at 66th and 74th at South Tacoma Way and that the Public Works Department be directed to investigate to ascertain what next best method can be worked out. Seconded by Mr. Jensen. Mr. Backstrom said it would take about one week to work out the negotiations with the contractor. Motion carried on rollcall: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1.

ORDER OF BUSINESS reverted to

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION No. 14206. L. I. D. 1939.

BY PERDUE:

Stating intention of Council to order laying of sanitary sewers or local sewers in the area bounded by Hosmer Street and Alaska Street from 128 feet north of South 46th Street to the alley between South 49th and South 50th Streets; cre-

ating L. I. D 1939 and fixing April 19, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call March 21, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Initial Resolution No. 14207. L I D 2225.

BY PERDUE:

Stating intention of Council to order grading to the established grade and placing thereon a gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface on Frace Street from North 38th Street to North 40th Street; creating L I D 2225 and fixing April 19, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call March 21, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Initial Resolution No. 14208. L I D 4550.

BY PERDUE:

Stating intention of Council to order grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon an asphaltic concrete pavement, together with the necessary storm drainage, in the alley between North 33rd and North 34th Streets from Proctor Street to Adams Street; creating L I D 4550 and fixing April 19, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was Moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call March 21, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14209.

BY GOERING:

Authorizing the Investment Board of the City of Tacoma, consisting of the Mayor, the Director of Finance and the City Treasurer, to invest the sum of not to exceed \$2,000,000 of the cash now on hand in the treasury of the City of Tacoma in United States Certificates of Indebtedness. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mrs. Goering to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call March 21, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14210.

By JENSEN:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for grading and paving Bay Street and Portland Avenue approaches to the Puyallup River Bridge on U. S. 99, designated as Improvement No. 4476, to Kendall Construction Co. on its low bid of \$31,322.00. It was moved by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call March 21, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14211.

By HOOKER:

Authorizing the private sale of all right, title and interest of City of Tacoma acquired by and through local improvement district assessments and proceedings for foreclosure to Puget Sound Builders for sum of \$10.00 in cash, covering Lots 29 and 30, Block 5, Brettonwood's Addition located on N. E. corner of North 46th and Defiance Street. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call March 21, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14212.

By STOJACK:

Ratifying and approving the determination of the Planning Commission to include the use for Washington State Retail Liquor Stores that portion of C-1 Commercial District described as follows: 200 feet on either side of North 26th Street from the center line of North Pearl Street to the center line of North Highlands Street, providing the requirements for off street parking listed herein are met; and approving the use of the above described property for Washington State Retail Liquor Stores and authorizing the proper authorities of the City to permit the use of that portion of the C-1 Commercial District hereinabove specifically described for this purpose. Moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call March 21, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14213.

By BATTIN:

Directing the City Manager to institute necessary action to formulate a comprehensive plan to provide necessary treatment plants, main trunk sanitary and main trunk storm sewers for the City of Tacoma which will be needed during the next ten years, and to complete said report at the earliest possible date; and directing the City Manager to transmit to Council said comprehensive plan, together with alternate plans for financing such development program at various stages and recommending priorities for those installations which are most needed and necessary to the development and growth of the City in the immediate future, and to the prevention of the pollution of the waters of Puget Sound, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Pollution Control Commission of the State of Washington at Olympia. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Jensen to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. Dr. Humiston reported that as a result of the letter from E. F. Eldridge, Director and Chief Engineer of the State Pollution Control Commission, presented to Council on March 7th, the Utilities Committee met with Mr. Eldridge, the City Manager and a representative of the Public Works Department on March 14th. The above resolution was the outcome of this meeting, he added. Mr. Backstrom said he had transmitted a rough copy of this to Mr. Eldridge, who had notified him it met with the Pollution Committee's approval and that the three L. I. Ds from which approval was withheld would now be approved as would future sewer L.I.Ds. Mr. Stamen informed Council a new Sewer Engineer was appointed to-day, and he has been instructed as one of his first projects to analyze the drainage and sewage problems of the entire City, which will be presented to Council for its information. Mrs. Goering said she felt that the Public as well as the Council should be kept informed of the steps taken along the way. Mr. Riconosciuto, Secretary of the Planning Commission, said he felt the Commission should have been contacted, as they

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recognized the need for a comprehensive plan for a long time. It was pointed out by the Mayor that this merely directs the City Manager to start action, and he would undoubtedly consult with the City Planning Commission as well as the Public Works Department in compiling the plan. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call March 21, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14214.

STOJACK.

Accepting and approving the plat of Fayechild Second Addition, located at the northeast corner of South 90th and Tacoma Avenue. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to amend Rule 9, seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call March 21, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15285.

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to enter into a lease between the City of Tacoma and Frederic P. Dravis, doing business as the Dravis Engineering Machine Works; and setting out the terms and provisions thereof. Read by title and placed in order of final reading. Mr. Backstrom said he would like to have some committee of the Council designated to work with the Administrative Staff in drawing up leases and renewals of leases of City property. Mayor Tollefson appointed the Finance Committee, consisting of Dr. Humiston, Chairman, Mrs. Goering and Dr. Battin to work with the Manager and Staff on this matter.

Ordinance No. 15286. L. I. D. 2206.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2206. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15287. L. I. D. 2185.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2185. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15288. L. I. D. 2197

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2197. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15289. L. I. D. 2199.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2199. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15290. L I D 4546.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 4546. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15291. L I D 2201.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2201. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2215. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15293. L. I. D. 4536.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 4536. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15294. L. I. D. 5238.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of the improvement in L I D 5238. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15295.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793 entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts; etc." by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 9E. (C-2 Commercial District at S. W. corner of South 84th and C Streets). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15296. L I D 1941.

Providing for the construction of sewers on Alaska Street from South 72nd Street north for approximately 900 feet; creating L I D 1941. Read by title and placed in order of final reading. 46-47

Ordinance No. 15297. L. I. D. 5217.

Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main in Mason Avenue from South 12th Street to South 19th Street and in Verde Street from South 12th Street to the south line of Pentecost and Lawler Addition; an 8-inch cast iron water main in Stevens Street from South 12th Street to South 19th Street; and a 12-inch cast iron water main in South 19th Street from Mason Avenue to Stevens Street; creating L I D 5217. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15298. L. I. D 5228.

Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main in North 8th Street from Mullen Street to Stevens Street; creating L I D 5228. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15283.

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute and deliver a lease agreement between the City and Magnus S. Larsen, granting to said Magnus S. Larsen a concession for the operation of a public lodge and camp and facilities in connection therewith at Alder Lake, Pierce County, Washington; specifying the terms and conditions of said agreement. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Authorizing the City of Tacoma to grant to the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma the sum of \$12,236.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the cost of the installation of parking and drainage facilities at the new Titlow Beach Swimming Pool being constructed by said Park District; appropriating the sum of \$12,236.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for said purpose from the General Fund; and declaring an emergency making necessary the appropriation herein contained and the passage of this ordinance. Read by title. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. Mr. Bratrud reported he had checked with the Park Board and it is very essential to their budget to have this ordinance passed and he urged all the members of the Council to vote favorably. Mayor Tollefson also urged the Council members to vote in favor of the ordinance, pointing out that if it turns out that the Park Board has funds left over at the end of the year, the Council can reduce the amount budgeted for parks next year. Mrs. Goering said she was reluctant to vote for the ordinance and warned that she would not favor any additional emergency appropriations for the Park Board for the balance of the year. She was voting for the ordinance on the assumption the Park Board has no more capital outlay funds to finish this project or start any new projects, she added. J. Ralph Williams, Park Board Member, stated that the Board had foreseen the need for monies for this purpose and had asked Council for \$10,000 Capital Outlay, which was not granted by Council. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Ordinance No. 15272. Laid over to this date on March 14th.

Amending Sections 28 and 30 of Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts; etc." (Automobile space regulations, parking areas and non conforming uses). Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. Dr. Humiston, at whose request the ordinance was laid over, said he had no specific recommendations for changes to be made. The ordinance contains a number of provisions which it is desirable to put into effect as soon as possible and for this reason he was in favor of passing the ordinance as is now but would like to request the Planning Commission to make a resurvey of Sec. 10, Paragraph A and report back. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance, without same having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston to request the Planning Commission to re-examine the provisions of the zoning ordinance as it relates to off street parking and report back to the Council in three months. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen. The motion was discussed at length and roll was then called on same as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Jensen. Absent 1; Stojack.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Tollefson made the following appointments for a Committee to work with the State of Washington on the Toll Road: Arthur Jordan from the City Planning Commission who is to act as Chairman, Frank Backstrom from Administration, and Mayor Tollefson from the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bill Beatty, spokesman for the Machinist Non-Partisan Political League, Cascade Lodge No. 297, invited the Mayor to send a Council representative to a public debate on City issues in the May 10th election, which is to be held at the Jason Lee Junior High School auditorium on April 12th. The Mayor advised him that the Council

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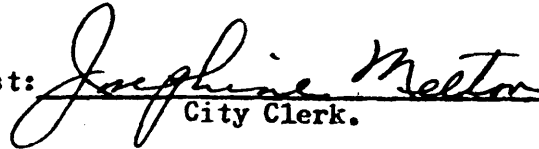
would be represented at this meeting.

City Manager Backstrom presented M. C. #71 on the Subject of "1955 STREET PROGRAM". The communication was discussed at length and illustrated by Myron Calkins, City Engineer, with projected pictures showing actual conditions of various City streets.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 11:15 P.M.



President of City Council.

Attest: 

City Clerk.