

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.
Monday, February 8, 1960

The City Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5: Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue and Mayor Hanson. Absent 4, Anderson, Bratrud, Porter and Price. Mr. Porter coming in at 4:30 and Mrs. Price at 4:05 P. M.

Dr. Humiston moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4, Anderson, Bratrud, Porter and Price.

The City Clerk reported that Councilman Anderson had called to say he was ill and would not be able to attend the meeting.

PETITIONS:

Petition from twenty (20) signers requesting that the City of Tacoma purchase or subsidize the owners of the Tacoma Transit System. 484

Dr. Humiston said it would be wonderful if the suggestion in this petition was the solution to the mass transportation problem in Tacoma, but, he feared it was not that simple.

Dr. Humiston explained that the members of the Transit Committee, Mrs. Price, Mayor Hanson and himself, met several days ago to go over past information accumulated for the City. A draft copy of a letter was discussed with Mr. Rowlands, to be sent to Mr. Franklin E. Johnson, the Auditor who prepared the previous information. As soon as this information is obtained and a study made of the report, it will be submitted to the Council.

Mayor Hanson informed Mr. R. W. Clary, President of the Board of Trustees of the Employee-Transit Association, who was present, that unless the Committee decides otherwise, this preliminary work is to acquaint the Committee with the problem as it presently exists plus all the background information. Mayor Hanson explained that it will take approximately three weeks before this information is available from Mr. Johnson.

Petition from Burkhart and Evans, Inc., requesting the rezoning of property located north of South 74th Street, 5/8 mile west of South Tacoma Way, to be rezoned from an R-2 District to a C-P-N District.

Referred to the City Planning Commission.

Mrs. Price coming in at this time.

Petition from Harold M. Tollefson, requesting replat of Shorecliff Terrace. 51:34

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that March 14, 1960 be set as the date for hearing. Motion seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Anderson, Bratrud and Porter.

RESOLUTIONS:**Resolution No. 16020:****By HUMISTON:**

Amending Rule (2) of the Rules of the City Council, by designating the "Acting Mayor" as Deputy Mayor".

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the Resolution be adopted.
Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

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

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Anderson, Bratrud and Porter
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16021:**By BRATRUD:**

Awarding contract to Woodworth and Company, and Tucci and Sons, a Joint Venture, on their bid of \$144,888.20, for Improvement No. 3002-A.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this is part of the large separation program which was approved several years ago.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Anderson, Bratrud and Porter.

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Anderson, Bratrud and Porter.
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16022:**By EASTERDAY:**

Awarding contract to L. R. Gaudio Well Drilling Company, on their bid of \$12,868.00 for the contract for construction of a water well at the Tacoma Sewage Treatment Plant.

It was moved by Mrs. Price that the Resolution be adopted.
Seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Mr. Easterday asked what would be the depth of the well.
Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, said it was anticipated it would be approximately 500 feet deep, but the bid call was for cost per foot.

Mr. Easterday asked if Artesian water would be the product.

Mr. Schuster said that was correct.

Mrs. Goering asked what it would be used for.

Mr. Schuster replied it would be used primarily for spraying on the sedimentation tanks in the area; basically it is for the removal of scum from the sedimentation tanks.

Dr. Humiston said no doubt there are figures available to show that this well drilling, plus the machinery for operation will be cheaper than buying City water.

Mr. Rowlands said the entire project completed will run approximately \$22,000. There will be a savings of approximately \$7,200 a year by using this water, rather than City water.

Dr. Humiston asked if this matter had previously been brought to the Council's attention.

Mr. Schuster said it was discussed previously, but he could not recall the date.

Dr. Humiston moved that this Resolution be set over until next week, (2-15-60) at which time the Council should be provided with a written explanation of the background of this problem. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Anderson, Bratrud and Porter.

Resolution No. 16023:

By PORTER:

Accepting the offer of the United States of America for Advance of funds for Survey and Planning of the Fawcett Urban Renewal Area.

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It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Mr. Rowlands said this is comparable to the same type of Resolution the Council adopted for the Center Street area in November, of 1958. The advance for funds for that area has now been approved by the Urban Renewal Agency. This Resolution will enable the City to proceed with the Fawcett Area in the same manner.

Mr. Rowlands said the date of November 10, 1958 in the 3rd paragraph should be changed to February 2, 1960.

Dr. Humiston moved that the date of November 10, 1958, 3rd paragraph be changed to February 2, 1960. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Anderson, Bratrud and Porter.

Mr. Rowlands also mentioned that another suggestion for clarification for future reference, is that "R-3" is the third Urban Renewal Project in the State and in order to identify this in the future, it is felt "the Fawcett Area" should be specifically mentioned in the Resolution.

Mr. Perdue moved that Project R-3" be described as the "Fawcett Urban Renewal Area" Motion seconded by Mrs. Goering. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Anderson, Bratrud and Porter.

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution, as amended, resulted as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Anderson, Bratrud and Porter.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson said before proceeding with the First Reading of Ordinances, he would like to call upon Mr. Claude Munsey, Chairman of the Naches Fajnel Association to address the Council at this time.

Mr. Munsey said he would like to extend to the Council the deep appreciation of the Southeast citizens of Tacoma for the splendid improvement on East 56th Street.

Mr. Munsey said Tacoma's Sister cities in the north have problems which sometimes affect us. These cities have undertaken, through the Regional Planning Council a Traffic and Transportation Survey. Considerable work has been done on this survey and the City is definitely concerned, as a similar survey is contemplated for Tacoma.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Valley has a meeting scheduled for February 17th at Ingham's Cafe, to which the members of the Council will be invited, as well as the County Commissioners, the Port of Tacoma Commissioners and the Port District of King County, to discuss the matter of a tunnel through the mountains. Also a meeting is planned for 7:00 P. M., March 2nd at the Top of the Ocean for the Traffic and Transportation discussion. This is quite an important study and hoped that as many members as possible would attend.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Munsey and said that the Council members certainly wanted to express their appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the Naches Tunnel project.

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, said he understood the Council, the Planning Commission and the County Commissioners are being asked to attend this meeting on the discussion of the Puget Sound Regional Transportation Study and Survey. This will be a good opportunity to become more acquainted with the matter.

The Regular order of business was then resumed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16513:

Providing for the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks in various parts of the City as set forth in Resolution No. 15956. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands, explained that it was brought out at the hearing that the sections of the sidewalk to be removed or reconstructed were not marked and also other complaints were made at that time which have not been taken care of yet, and asked that this Ordinance be postponed for two (2) weeks so that these complaints can be taken care of.

Dr. Humiston then moved that Ordinance No. 16513 be set over for two weeks to February 23, 1960 for final action. Motion seconded by Mrs. Goering.

Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Anderson, Bratrud and Porter.

Ordinance No. 16514:

Creating a special fund in the Treasury of the City known as Cumulative Reserve Fund for the Garbage and Refuse Utility. Read by title. 517

Mr. Porter coming in at this time.

Mr. Rowlands said according to State Law, a special reserve fund must be created in order to set up this fund so that the money does not have to be re-appropriated each year. This would enable the Garbage Utility to set aside these monies annually so when it is necessary to replace equipment the money will be available.

Dr. Humiston asked how this Ordinance fits in with the Council's recent decision to examine the need for new equipment each year, and then make the appropriations at that time.

Mr. Rowlands said that particular approach pertained principally to General Fund activities. Basically, the fiscal change occurred because the Depreciation Reserve Account for General Fund Equipment replacement is in existence only in a small way. This would enable the Council to review this fund periodically. It is quite flexible and has value in that the money would be set aside in the Utility.

Dr. Humiston said it was still not clear to him why this had to be done at all. The City is able to operate sufficiently on the method set up in the General Fund for vehicles and equipment.

Mr. Rowlands replied that he was not sure the City was operating as effectively as desired, by not having a Reserve and Depreciation Account in the General Fund. This would mean, theoretically, that the City would not have to spend \$15,000 in one year, and in five or six years be confronted with some \$110,000 in expenditures. By setting the money aside and investing it, the money will be available when needed.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, explained there are two ways of expending funds, either by budgeting the money, or by an emergency appropriation. At the end of the year if there is a surplus in these funds, it must be re-budgeted for the coming year. The purpose of the Special State Statute authorizing Reserve Funds being set aside in Reserve Accounts for special purposes is that the money may be allowed to accumulate from year to year and expended at such times as the City Council may determine by Resolution. The moneys in the special fund shall not be expended for any purpose other than that specified in the Ordinance.

Dr. Humiston said, it appears to him that by this method it would be possible to make an appropriation by Resolution during the year, within the limits of the amount of money in the fund, whether or not it was budgeted. This would eliminate examination at budget time.

Mrs. Goering asked who would determine the amount of money to be set aside each year.

Mr. Rowlands replied the City Council would.

Mrs. Goering said, if the amount reached a sizeable sum, then the Council could reduce the budgeted amount.

Mr. Rowlands said that was correct.

Dr. Humiston asked how the last group of refuse collection trucks were financed.

Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, said this was done by the Surplus in the Garbage Department and by a loan.

Dr. Humiston said one argument in favor of this method is that it would be unnecessary for the City to borrow money for purchasing equipment. However, if the purchase of equipment is planned in advance, the necessity for this procedure becomes less.

Mayor Hanson said this would be part of the planning for replacement. After it reaches a point where the entire fleet could be replaced, nothing more would be added and the fund would be earning interest, rather than the City paying interest on a loan as is now being done.

Mr. Schuster, said seventeen trucks were purchased in 1959, and on a depreciation theory these trucks will require a complete overhaul in five years, and in seven years new trucks will be needed. So, the necessity of this fund was to enable an accumulation of funds in a seven year period to buy this new equipment which is needed.

Dr. Humiston said he would like Mr. Schuster to submit a written report to the Council next week on this matter.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16510:

Amending Section 2.04.950 of the Official Code of the City in reference to "Wiring Methods". Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson, Bratrud.

Ordinance No. 16511:

Vacating portions of streets and alleys bounded by North 17th, North 23rd, between Mildred and Frace Streets. (Petition of D. L. Johnson). Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson, Bratrud.

Ordinance No. 16512:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for Work Order No. 73158 for the repair and reconstruction of sidewalks in various parts of the City. Read by title.

Mr. Schuster said the two complaints received at the hearing last week have been resolved satisfactorily.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson, Bratrud.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment roll for the cost of L I D 5309 for cast iron water mains in Melrose Street from Cedar to Lawrence Streets.

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Dr. Humiston moved that the date of March 22, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nay 0; Absent 2, Anderson and Bratrud.

COMMENTS:

Dr. Humiston said from time to time he has reported on the progress being made by the Sister City Subcommittee who have been working on an exhibit for the Fair in Kokura.

He said free transportation for the exhibits was secured by courtesy of one of the Japanese shipping lines. The ship was to leave Tacoma the end of next week, but, upon checking, it was found the ship made many stops and would not arrive at Kokura until the day of the Fair. Therefore, other arrangements had to be made, and it was found that a ship leaves at 10:00 A. M. this Thursday which will have some thirty historical, cultural and industrial exhibits aboard that is scheduled to arrive at the Port of Mojii on February 28th.

He said he was nappy to say he was sure this will be a creditable exhibit in Kokura, and thanked George Smith, Jim Johnson and numerous other persons who offered their services in setting up the exhibits.

Mayor Hanson said after reporting to the Council on the hearing before the F. A. A. on the Trans-Pacific case involving the matter of permits for over-seas service at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport, he wired a request for time to present the position of the City of Tacoma to the F. A. A. He said he received a letter indicating they refused his request. Today, he received a call from Ed Swafford of Pan-American Airlines, one of the principle Airlines involved, urging him to send a wire and demand time to present the position of the City of Tacoma because of the importance of the case.

Mayor Hanson said he agreed this was very important. If the petition is granted to permit only one Airline to service this area, it will mean the end of jet flights from here to the East. It will also eliminate competition and the area will then be dependent on the service rendered by the one Airline. The location of the Seattle-Tacoma Airport is such that it is a natural development for the ultimate Airline development.

He said he personally would prefer not to go, however, he will certainly make the trip if authorized by the Council due to the importance of the matter. He added that a special flight leaves February 9th at 10:30 p. m. which will carry the Governor, Mayor Clinton, of Seattle, and several other officials in the area who feel it is important enough to take time to go back. They are anxious for Tacoma to be represented. The approximate cost will be \$350 to \$400.

Mr. Perdue said the possibility that something might be gained by the Mayor's going would merit the trip and he was in favor of authorizing the Mayor to represent the City of Tacoma at the hearing.

Dr. Humiston said he agreed with Mayor Hanson that maintaining competition was a matter of vital importance and was also in favor of sending him back to Washington D. C.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Humiston that Mayor Hanson be sent to represent the City of Tacoma at the F. A. A. Hearing on February 10, 1960

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Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Anderson and Bratrud.

Mr. Perdue asked Mr. Porter if he would make some explanation on this smear newspaper entitled the "Truth", in which he figures prominently. Perhaps he could tell the Council how that sort of trash comes out and why.

Mr. Porter said he couldn't explain to them how it came about. As near as he could determine now from the three he has seen and the two he has heard about, he is now on five different slates opposed to various groups of people. He said he could assure the Council he did not write any of the material that was published nor did he see it before it came out.

Mrs. Goering asked if he meant to say that they would dare publish this kind of trash without the consent of the person whom they are endorsing. If that were the case, Mr. Porter would have some grounds of retraction.

Mr. Porter said he wouldn't have much of a case when he couldn't find the name of the person whose signature ^{appears} on the paper in checking the telephone book. He said he did prevent two articles which he disapproved ^{of} from being inserted in the paper endorsing him because he found out about them ahead of time.

Mrs. Goering said the odd thing is that two years ago Mr. Porter appeared in a write-up of the same type which was distributed in the same manner. It seems Mr. Porter should have found out about it in two years.

Mr. Porter assured Mrs. Goering he did not write or see the paper before it was published.

Mr. Perdue asked Mr. Porter if he did sanction this type of publication featuring him.

Mr. Porter said he did not see this paper before it was written or published, so now could he sanction it. He said he was not on trial here.

Mr. Perdue said he felt the public should know, first hand, exactly of his position in such a smear sheet that has been distributed throughout the entire community.

Mr. Porter said he thought they should too, and he thought he made it clear.

Mr. Perdue said he did not think that it was made clear.

Mr. Porter said that was Mr. Perdue's opinion.

Mrs. Goering asked how did it happen that when she was elected she maneuvered herself into a position of power, but when Mr. Porter was elected it was the will of the people.

Mayor Hanson asked Mr. Porter if he denied the allegations in this sheet.

Mr. Porter said he certainly did not print it nor did he pay for it nor did he write the material. Some of the material in the sheet was taken from ads which he had placed in the paper and on platforms and policies.

Mrs. Goering said the article in the paper states that this committee spent considerable time interviewing all candidates. She asked Mr. Porter if he was called before the committee for such an interview.

Mr. Porter said he was not.

Mrs. Goering said the article stated after careful consideration and much time devoted to screening the candidates and interviewing them the

Citizens Committee finally picked this slate. She asked how can they recommend Mr. Porter if they did not interview him.

Mr. Porter said he thought it was likely that some of the people on the committee could have interviewed him personally.

Mrs. Goering said "but of course since it is not signed we do not know any of the individuals on that screening committee."

Mr. Porter remarked that a sheet he had in his possession did have a name on it, that of John Cook; but he did not know the person. Stated herein in an allusion to the fact that he has a policy which is just the opposite of his policy on one public question. He said he recalls voting for the Cowlitz Project. This article doesn't say that he is against the Cowlitz but alludes the fact in a subtle way.

Mr. Perdue asked Mr. Porter if he was willing at this time to say that the majority of the information that is contained in this particular issue of the "Truth" is false.

Mr. Porter said he was not prepared to say that as he has not investigated the information. He said he would never make a statement to that effect unless he was able to prove it in Court. He said he believed he made that statement the second month he took office after Mr. Perdue made a statement which he recalls was slightly defaming people's character.

Mrs. Goering said this was certainly a poor way to weld the Council into a harmonious group.

Mr. Porter assured her that he felt she was absolutely right and he ^{still} would not use that method himself.

Mrs. Goering said if it were the first time this has happened, it would be easy to believe; but this same thing occurred two years ago when a pamphlet was distributed in the same manner by school children who were paid \$2.00 apiece.

Mrs. Goering said it is not only the people being attacked here, but it lowers the standards of the entire City. If this is allowed to continue, no person of integrity will want to run for office in the future.

Mr. Porter said Mrs. Goering was probably right.

Mr. Perdue said he assumed this was the objective of this type of literature - to prevent decent people from running for office.

Mr. Porter said he would like to know whether Mrs. Goering or Mr. Perdue heard about the slanderous remark that was made against him a week ago Sunday at the Mason Methodist Church by one of the other candidates running for Council. If so, he felt it strange that they did not object to this publicly.

Mrs. Goering and Mr. Perdue both said they were not aware of the statement.

Mrs. Goering added that this material they were referring to was in print and has been placed on the front porches of friends and neighbors and can not be ignored.

Mr. Perdue said it is repetitious of what has been done previously.

Mayor Hanson said he was in attendance at this meeting mentioned by Mr. Porter and he did feel the remarks were slanderous. He felt what was to be learned from this is the ill effects and the chain reactions of the statements that are ill-founded.

Mrs. Goering said she felt Mr. Porter's campaign has been on a very gentlemanly and fine level up to now and she thought this sort of thing would lose him a lot of votes that he may have secured otherwise.

Mr. Porter said he felt the very same way and he assured the Council this was no plan or part of his campaign as far as he was concerned.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P. M.

Sam Houston
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: Jacqueline Melton
City Clerk