

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, October 29, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 6; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Anderson. Absent 3; Jensen (taking his seat at 7:33 P. M.) Stojack (taking his seat at 7:33 P. M.) and Tollefson.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Council member, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson.

PETITIONS:

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O. B. Brown, et al, for rezoning from an R-3 District to a C-1 District Lots 4 to 12, Block 1128, Alliance Addition, at South 11th and Sheridan. Referred to City Planning Commission. 82

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 14806.By GOERING:

Approving recommendations of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for L I D 2247 (surfacing on Mason Avenue from South 8th to South 9th Street) to Kendall Construction Co. Mr. Perdue called attention to an error in the fifth paragraph of the resolution, which quoted \$1,452.50 as the bid of Kendall Construction Co, when the bid is actually \$1,195, the higher figure being the engineer's estimate. It was moved by Mr. Perdue to amend Paragraph 5 by substituting \$1,195.00 for \$1,452.50. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston, and carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson. Roll was called on the adoption of the resolution as amended.

Adopted on roll call October 29, 1956.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Jensen, Stojack, Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14807.By GOERING:

Approving recommendations of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for L I D 2249 (concrete sidewalks on South 65th Street from Pacific to A Street; on west side of Bell from South 64th to South 67th; on A Street from South 64th to South 68th; on Linden Street from A Street to East B Street; also grade and oil mat on South 65th Street from Bell Street to A Street) to George Madsen Co.

Adopted on roll call October 29, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14808.By GOERING:

Approviding recommendations of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for L I D 2250 (surfacing on North Highland and North Winnifred Streets from the north line of Nelson's 2nd Addition to North 30th Street, also North 30th Street from Highland to Shirley Street) to Kendall Construction Co.

Adopted on roll call October 29, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

**Resolution No. 14809.****By GOERING:**

Approving recommendations of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for L I D 2262 (surfacing and storm sewer on Defiance Street from North 46th Street to North 48th Street) to Kendall Construction Co.

Adopted on roll call October 29, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

**Resolution No. 14810.****By GOERING:**

Approving recommendations of Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract for L I D 2252 (surfacing on South 76th Street from Thompson Avenue to South J Street; on Thompson Avenue from South 77th Street to South 78th Street and on South I Street from South 76th Street to South 78th Street) to Kendall Construction Co.

Adopted on roll call October 29, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

**Resolution No. 14811.****By PERDUE:**

Authorizing proper officers of City to execute and deliver an agreement with the State of Washington acting through the Director of Highways, providing for the construction of repairs to the counterweight bridge on State Secondary Highway No. 1-V (Puyallup River Bridge) at a cost not to exceed \$6,000; work to be performed by the City but paid for by the State.

Adopted on roll call October 29, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

**Resolution No. 14812.****By PERDUE:**

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into and execute an agreement with the Port of Tacoma, for the dumping of City Garbage upon certain property belonging to the Port of Tacoma.

Adopted on roll call October 29, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

**Resolution No. 14813.****By GOERING:**

Approving recommendations of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for L I D No. 2231 and 2232 (surfacing on Shirley Street from South 9th Street to South 11th; on South 10th from Winnifred to Bennett;

cement concrete sidewalks on both sides of Shirley Street from South 9th to South 11th, both sides of South 10th from Winnifred to Shirley and the north side of South 10th from Shirley to Bennett) to Concrete Construction Co.

Adopted on roll call October 29, 1956.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15737.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793- ZONING ORDINANCE- by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 5 E ("R-3" 2-family Dwelling District property on both sides of 6th Avenue from Huson to Orchard). Read by title. Mr. Rowlands suggested to the Council members that discussion be held during the first reading of ordinances in order that the general public may be informed of the Pros and Cons prior to passage of the ordinance, and in the future he would like to see this procedure followed. Accordingly the above ordinance was thrown open for discussion at this time. Mr. Perrow of the City Planning Commission explained that this is an aftermath of the Wagner appeal on September 17th, at which time Council concurred in the stand taken by the Commission to deny the petition of Harold Wagner for rezoning to a "C-2" district property at the N. W. corner of 6th Avenue and Huson Streets. At that time the Council was assured if they concurred in the Commission's recommendation, steps would be taken by that body to zone the residential district on 6th Avenue back as far as Orchard Street within sixty days, Mr. Perrow stated. He explained that there is a great deal of commercial property on 6th Avenue west of Orchard, which is not used for this purpose, while the block between Huson and Orchard is predominantly residential at present. Mr. Harry Berry objected to the rezoning of this property as residential, saying they have been working on a deal with a major oil company for a service station, which is waiting for Orchard Street to be opened. He contended that the action proposed in the ordinance will lower the valuation of this property from \$12,000 to \$1,200. Mrs. Turner also spoke against the rezoning and pointed out that letters in favor of commercial zoning had been filed by five property owners at tonight's meeting. The matter was discussed further and at the conclusion Mayor Anderson explained that the final decision of the Council would be made next Monday, when the ordinance comes up for final reading. The ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15738.

Authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer \$23,000 from salary and wage category of budget in Department of Public Works, Municipal Shops Revolving Fund, to category of Maintenance and Operation of the Municipal Shops, Department of Public Works; and appropriating the sum of \$15,000 from Municipal Shops Revolving Fund for Maintenance and Operation of the Municipal Shops for the balance of the year 1956. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15739.

Appropriating the sum of \$120,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Public Works Revolving Fund to pay the cost of operation in the Department of Public Works, payable from said fund under Ordinance No. 15475 creating said fund. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15740.

Amending Section 7 of Ordinance No. 15106- Compensation Plan. (relative to compensation for part time employees working on an established holiday). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

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FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15734.

Creating and establishing in the Treasury of the City of Tacoma a special Fund, pursuant to Sections 35.21.070 and 35.21.080 RCW to be known as Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation for Municipal Purposes. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15735.

Authorizing purchase or condemnation of certain tracts of land for rights of way for street purposes, including the construction of traffic islands, acceleration and deceleration lanes and on and off ramps, at intersection of 11th Street and St. Paul Avenue; directing that compensation for the lands to be taken or damaged shall be payable from the City Street Fund; and repealing Ordinance No. 15606, passed May 7, 1956. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15736.

Authorizing and directing that certain expenditures properly chargeable to "Cumulative Reserve Fund B" be made from said Reserve Fund to Supplement the Capital Improvement Program of the Department of Public Works for the year 1957. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15732. (laid over to this date on October 22nd).

Providing for issuance of permits and regulating the construction and maintenance of structures and improvements over alleys of the City of Tacoma. Read by title. Mr. Rowlands advised that the ordinance up for passage is a new draft. A new section has been added relative to approval of application for permit by the Director of Utilities also, which will prevent granting of a permit, which might be objectionable to the Utilities Department for certain reasons, Mr. Rowlands stated. Another section, giving the petitioner the right to appeal to the Council if he is denied a permit, has also been included, Mr. Rowlands explained. Mr. Jensen said, in his opinion, there should be a minimum fee of \$25.00 and a maximum fee of \$100.00 instead of a set fee of \$25.00. This suggestion was discussed and it was pointed out by Mr. McCormick that this permit fee is based on inspection cost and not on rental, as the City has no authority to rent out City streets or alleys. After further discussion, it was decided that the possibilities of larger revenues from this source should be looked into, and it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to postpone the ordinance for one week to November 5, 1956. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson..

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works submitted the assessment roll for the cost of the improvements in the following districts:

L I D 2236-- grading, ballasting, surfacing and storm sewer on East "C" Street from East 46th Street to East 48th Street;

L I D 4568-- grading, asphalt paving, concrete curb and gutter on North Cedar Street from North 28th Street to North 29th Street, also storm sewer on North Cedar from North 29th to 30th Streets;

L I D 6747-- installation of ornamental street lights, together with underground circuits and necessary wiring and transformers on Harrison Street from McKinley Avenue to East F Street.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that December 4, 1956 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

X Mr. Rowlands presented M-C 104- Relative to Humana Society Problems, together with two communications from City Attorney on (1) Issuance of Identification Tags for Puppies; and (2) letters written to City Council or officers of City signed with fictitious names and addresses. These were submitted as requested by Council on October 22nd. As they were rather lengthy and Council members had not had an opportunity to read them, it was decided to postpone discussion until next week.

Mr. Rowlands also furnished Council members with a copy of a letter which he had directed to the various taxicab companies in the City relative to operations outside the City Limits, so that Council might be informed on this matter.

Dr. Battin brought up the discussion by the Council at the Budget Hearings on the difference in pay of the City Manager and Director of Utilities and said he felt something should be done by Council to remove the disparity. He was not in favor of raising the City Manager's salary to meet the salary of the Director of Utilities at this time, and he did not mean this to indicate he was not satisfied with the City Manager, Dr. Battin said. Mr. Bratrud agreed that Council should take some concrete action to put into effect the ideas discussed at the Budget hearing. Dr. Humiston explained that it was Council's intention to take these two positions out of the stepplan and place them under the Council's jurisdiction. Dr. Battin then requested preparation of an ordinance, taking the salaries of the Director of Utilities and City Manager from the step plan of the compensation ordinance; placing the salaries for these positions under the direct jurisdiction of Council, and fixing both salaries at \$16,800 a year for the balance of 1956 and until such time as they are changed by Council action.

X Mayor Anderson reported that he had received a letter from Arthur K. Jordan, resigning from the City Planning Commission, which he would properly acknowledge. This has created a vacancy on the Commission, and he asked Council members if they had any suggestions for a replacement from the south end of the City, as this was the area Mr. Jordan represented, to submit them to him as soon as possible.

The matter of representation at the A.M.A. Convention in St. Louis from November 25th to 28th was brought up by Mayor Anderson. The motion passed on October 15th authorized the Mayor and two Council members to attend this convention and if now appears that three Council members have expressed a desire to represent the City, he stated. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin that an additional Council member be authorized to attend the A. M. A. convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Battin said he felt that the City of Tacoma should send a representative to Memphis, Tennessee November 11th to 14th to the "A&I American Cities" contest to help promote Tacoma as a winner in this event. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Humiston, that Council member Clara Goering be sent to Memphis, Tennessee at the City's expense. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Goering thanked Council for bestowing this honor upon her.

Mayor Anderson advised that he has been successful in raising ample funds for the campaign to promote the County-City Building Bond issued. He urged Council members to work diligently in order that this measure will be carried by the voters on November 6th.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Attest:

*Philip Mott*

*John H. Anderson*