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City Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, January 18, 1960

The City Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Anderson. Anderson coming in at 4:20 P.M.

Dr. Humiston moved that the minutes of the meetings of January 11th and 12th be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Voice vote was taken on the motion resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Mayor Hanson said before proceeding with the regular order of business, he would like to call the Council's attention to a communication from Al McLain, a member of the Mt. Rainier Council Boy Scouts, stating their organization has offered to participate in the beautification of the City. He said if a list were given of the different areas in the City which needed to be cleaned up, he would assign the work to his group and with the cooperation of the property owners the areas would be cleared.

Mayor Hanson said he would like to thank Mr. McLain for his offer, but added he thought this was a matter that should be handled through the Beautification Committee so that it is not a problem of the Scouts doing this work that should be done by the property owners. He said he would therefore refer this matter to the Beautification Committee.

Presentation of suggestion award to Joseph Fortier of the Public Works Dept., Municipal Shops.

Mr. Rowlands said this \$25.00 award is being presented to Mr. Fortier for his suggestion that with installation of electrical heating elements to heat water at the Municipal Shops the boiler may be shut down during the summer, therefore resulting in a savings of approximately \$250.00 a year in fuel and maintenance.

Mr. Fortier was congratulated by both Mr. Rowlands and Mayor Hanson upon receiving the award.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date for hearing on the vacation of portions of streets and alleys bounded by No. 17th, No. 23rd, between Mildred and Frace Streets. (Petition of ⁴⁰⁵₄₈₁ D. L. Johnson.)

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, said the right of way to be vacated is not needed. By vacating these streets a more efficient use of the land will be afforded whereby a smaller percentage of land will be devoted to street purposes. This vacation together with the dedication of No. 23rd between Mildred and Vassault Streets will greatly improve the street pattern in the area as well as the pedestrian access to the proposed new elementary and Junior High School site.

He said there are several conditions set forth for the dedications of the right of ways, but expect them to be met before final passage of the Ordinance.

Dr. Humiston moved that the proper Ordinance be drawn vacating portions of streets and alleys bounded by No. 17th, No. 23rd, between Mildred and Frace Streets subject to certain conditions. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Anderson coming in at this time.

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235 This is the date to which the petition of Frank J. Johnson was postponed from the meeting of October 19, 1959, on the vacation of a portion of So. Tacoma Way on the north side between So. 35th and So. Cedar Streets.

Mr. Buehler said a letter was received from Mr. Johnson asking the Council to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny his petition.

Mr. Buehler explained there were details to be worked out concerning a 42" concrete well pipe line located in the proposed right of way and Mr. Johnson explained in his letter that the hearing should be cancelled as he would attempt to work out a satisfactory agreement with the City so he could develop the desired commercial sign advertising.

Dr. Humiston moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the petition of Frank J. Johnson. Seconded by Mr. Perdue Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16005:

BY HANSON:

Awarding contract to Stephens-Adanson Mfg. Company on their bid of \$227,876 plus sales tax for the purchase of passenger conveyors or moving sidewalks.

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

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, said a report was submitted with this Resolution from Myron Calkins, Acting Director of Public Works, along with MC-287 which concurs with the conclusions reached by Mr. Calkins. During the past several months members of the Public Works Department have very carefully investigated the merits of these various ramps and moving sidewalks. As a matter of fact, a trip to Aberdeen, Washington was made to view the recent installation of a moving belt sidewalk. Mr. Pearson, the architect, retained by the City to design the tunnels in which the moving ramp machinery will be placed, has also assisted the Staff in arriving at this recommendation. Everyone is quite concerned about the incident of a small child being caught in a moving ramp in Dallas, Texas which resulted in a death. The Staff felt the supreme importance should be the safety features and feel that these safety requirements are met by the Stephens-Adanson Manufacturing Company.

Dr. Humiston asked what was the amount estimated for this project before the call for bids.

Mr. Rowlands said the estimate was approximately \$268,000 and this figure of \$227,876 comes well within the amount. Mr. Rowlands added that the City Council did authorize the Legal Staff to proceed with the acquisition of the rights of way for this project and these proceedings are underway.

Mr. Easterday said he did not feel the contract should be awarded until it is certain the necessary rights of way are acquired. He moved that no award be made until such a time as the rights of way have been secured. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Anderson asked the Manager what progress has been made on the property negotiations.

Mr. Rowlands said the negotiations have been proceeding very satisfactorily.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, said there are four pieces of property involved. One is the Blue House Theater which has already been acquired. Condemnation proceedings have been brought against two other pieces, the Cameo Theater and the Olds property. The hearing on the Cameo Theater is set for next month and only the awarding of damages by the jury remains. It is hoped to settle the Mauve Olds property by negotiations this week. Weisfields is the remaining piece of property

and an easement is involved there. He said he fully expects to settle all rights of ways in the next three weeks and it is his understanding that the total amount of money involved will be within the amount appropriated to purchase the right of ways.

Mr. Anderson asked when this contract is awarded how long a period will elapse before the ramps can be installed.

Mr. Rowlands replied that approximately six months would be required to construct the ramps, after which time the installation can begin. Therefore it is desirable that the contract be awarded now. As Mr. McCormick pointed out, the legal question should be worked out at the end of six months.

Mr. McCormick said as he remembers, when the contract was drawn it was anticipated that there might be a considerable length of time between the awarding of the contract for the moving sidewalks and the acquisition of the property needed. Therefore, a clause was included in the contract that the cost of the escalators would remain fixed regardless of how long it took the City to order the equipment. However, after a six months period, the City will be responsible for any increase in installation costs if the contract has not been completed.

Mr. Easterday, with the consent of the Second, Mr. Porter, withdrew his motion to postpone awarding the bid until such time as the right of ways have been secured.

Mr. Easterday then asked why hadn't the lowest bid been accepted.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the points covered in the memorandum received by the Council clearly covered the question asked by Mr. Easterday. One being that the Stephens-Adams equipment includes safety devices to insure the automatic stopping of the equipment if any foreign object becomes caught at the threshold plate or at the ends of the moving handrails. The Link Belt proposal does not include such features. Several other differences were also noted and in conclusion it was the opinion that these basic differences, with the primary emphasis on the safety of the equipment to the general public, more than offset the approximately \$9,500 difference.

Mr. D. Didrickson of the Stephens-Adams Mfg. Co. said they have never had a report of an accident on their moving ramps. Considerable time and work has been spent to develop their safety features which are unique in the field and they feel it is impossible for anyone to ever get caught in the ramp.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16006:

BY BRATRUD:

Awarding contract to General Petroleum Corp. for the furnishing of gasoline requirements for the year 1960.

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

Mr. Rowlands said based on the low bid, the total cost for gas for the year 1960 will run about \$128.00 more than the year 1959, assuming the same amount of gasoline is used.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16007:

BY BRATRUD:

Authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$27,010.24 from the General Fund to the Library Fund to be repaid not later than December 31, 1960 out of the revenues received during the year 1960.

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

Dr. Humiston said he thought the Library income was no longer tied to a revenue as the language in this Resolution indicates.

Mr. Rowlands said that was correct. The Resolution should be amended to conform in that respect.

Dr. Humiston then moved that The Resolution be amended by changing the word "tax" in the first paragraph, second line to "anticipated"; the word "taxes" in the second paragraph, third line to "receipts" and the work "taxes" in the last paragraph fourth line to "revenue." Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Voice vote on the motion result as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Rowlands explained this Resolution was initiated by the Director of Finance in order to comply with the recommendation of the State Auditor. This will mean that the Library Board will have to pick up some money this year by the very careful operation of their library. They will possibly be able to use some of the money from the Swasey Estate for the operation of the Swasey Branch Library, he added.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16008:

BY BRATRUD:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to utilize the sum of \$17,000 of the surplus funds in the Street and Bridge Construction Fund of 1955 for the payment of the City's participation in L I D No. 4635 and L I D 4500.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this additional sum represents a number of L I D's but in order to get this on the record properly, it was necessary to pick out a couple to earmark them. Often times the amount of money spent on engineering, the City's portion of L I D's, may fluctuate slightly and this will enable the City's share to be brought on an equal basis.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16009:

BY HANSON:

Authorizing the carrying over of appropriations in the 1959 Budget for

certain construction projects so that payment may be made during the year 1960.

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

Mr. Rowlands said this is merely a matter for information. The appropriations have been made in 1959 and are merely being carried over for payment in 1960, according to State Law.

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16010:

BY HANSON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to Lee and Carole Burnett a local improvement assessment deed in the amount of \$266.08.

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

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

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16011:

BY PRICE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement between the City and the N. P. Railway Company to construct and maintain a public street on the Right of way of the Northern Pacific Railway Company and M Street lying between Center and So. Tacoma Way.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Voice vote on the Resolution, resulted as follows:

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16012:

BY HUMISTON:

Authorizing the sale of \$250,000 General Obligation Bonds to the National Bank of Washington and Associates for the purpose of constructing the Athletic Baseball Park at the interest rate of 4.18038%. 438
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It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mayor Hanson explained this was for the additional sum needed for the construction of the Baseball Park.

Voice vote on the Resolution resulted as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 1, Goering; Absent 0.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16501:

Appropriating the sum of \$9,737.25 from the General Fund to the Police Relief and Pension Fund for the purpose of operating the activities of the Police Relief and Pension Fund, and declaring an emergency. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this additional sum of money is needed to cover the retirement pensions in the Police Department which were more than anticipated.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16502:

Appropriating the sum of \$4,465.09 from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of operation of the Urban Renewal Coordinator and declaring an emergency. Read by title.

There was a general discussion on this Ordinance.

Mr. Bratrud asked if this amount is to be used for office expense or salaries. Mr. Rowlands said it would be used for the entire program of running the office, making appraisals or anything involved in the Urban Renewal Program.

Mr. Giasford, Director of Finance, said a Federal Auditor would be here soon to confer with the staff in regard to the over-all accounting procedures for the Urban Renewal Program.

Mr. Rowlands said the estimate for the entire program was made December 1958, and it was difficult to pinpoint the amount needed that far ahead.

Mr. Gaisford said that next week a Resolution will be introduced for inter-departmental transfers which will balance out the budgetary accounting.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

requires that separate books be set up, this action was necessary.
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Ordinance No. 16503:

Appropriating the sum of \$1,000 from the Public Works Revolving Fund-Asphalt Plant Category - for the purpose of paying the costs of replacing the asphalt pumps, and declaring an emergency. Read by title. 474

Mr. Rowlands said this money is available, but according to State Law the money cannot be taken out of Maintenance and Operation directly. This is a Capital Outlay item and has to be appropriated.

Mr. Bratrud said at one time there was talk of closing the asphalt plant and buying the product on a direct basis. At that time there was only one asphalt dealer; now there are several. He said it seemed to him that this question should be investigated again.

Mr. Rowlands said a report was prepared a year and half ago from the Department on the cost of running the asphalt plant. This report could be brought up to date for the Council's information if they wish.

Mr. Gaisford, Finance Director explained that Lybrand, Ross & Montgomery made a complete study of this matter last year and recommended that the City continue on with the plant.

Mr. Rowlands said they would also give a brief synopsis of this report.
The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16486:

Amending the Official Code of the City in reference to fixing rates for the sale of Electric energy. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said this Ordinance was postponed to this date after a lengthy discussion on January 4, 1960 and contains all the proposed amendments.

Dr. Humiston then moved that Sec. 12.06.250 be amended in all particulars to conform and be in accordance with the redraft of said Ordinance presented to the Council. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Several members in the audience spoke in protect of the light rate raise.

Mayor Hanson said the Council certainly agrees the most desirable method would be if no increase of any kind were needed, but this is a matter of keeping the Utilities Division on a sound financial basis by certain increases.

Mr. Barline, Director of Utilities, said this is the first general boost in Tacoma light rates since 1930, although a few revisions in the rate were made in 1955. The customers first meter reading following February 1, 1960 will result in the increase being prorated on the subsequent bill with a percentage of the reading being charged at the old rate and the remainder at the new rate.

Mr. Warren Russell, an electric heat dealer, reported that he and other interested parties had met with the Utility Staff as suggest/at the last meeting. He said an even yearly rate for electric heat customers is under consideration by City Light engineers and urged the Council to amend its rate Ordinance if a satisfactory plan is worked out.

Mayor Hanson explained in the event any changes are submitted this Ordinance could be amended in two weeks.

Roll call on the Ordinance as amended resulted as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16494:

Amending the Official Code of the City by adding a new section known as Sec. 13.06.050 (d) to include all four corners of So. 45th and M Streets in the R-3 Two Family Dwelling District. (Petition of O. H. Brasier) Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16495:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2289 for grading and oil mat surface on No. 14th from Huson to Pearl; also on No. 11th from Orchard to Pearl Streets. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16496:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2296 for grading and a gravel ballast on Darien Drive from No. 46th to No. Frace and on No. Frace from Darien Drive to No. 46th Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16497:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 4644 for paving and storm drainage on certain streets in the area of So. 10th to So. 15th from Cedar to Junett Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16498:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L ID 5305 for cast iron water mains in Winnifred and Shirley Street from No. 14th to No. 18th; in No. 14th from Shirley to Winnifred Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16499:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5287 for cast iron water mains in Pearl Street from 6th Avenue to So. 19th; Woodlawn from So. 11th to So. 18th; So. 12th, So. 15th and So. 19th from Woodlawn to Pearl Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16500:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4657 for permanent pavement on So. 40⁴ "D" Street from So. 70th to So. 72nd Street. Read by title.

Mrs. Price said at the L I D hearing held last week a number of people from the area in question were present in reference to this improvement. The complaint was that Mr. Hoffman, owner of the Bowling Alley, would benefit mainly and should be largely responsible for the cost of the improvement of this improvement.

Mrs. Price explained at the time Mr. Hoffman was granted permission to build the Bowling Alley, according to the Planning Commission, he was to ballast and grade the street. Now these people are being assessed the regular rate. However, Mr. Hoffman has agreed to pay an additional \$2,000 which would be prorated among the property owners. However, the property owners are of the opinion his cost will be much less by paying this \$2,000 than it would if he were to follow the instructions of the Planning Commission and provide the ballast and grading. For that reason, Mrs. Price, said she has asked Mr. Calkins to provide the Council with a breakdown of the cost to Mr. Hoffman if he were to grade and ballast as previously stated. She moved that the Ordinance be postponed until next week in order that this information can be compiled. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Anderson leaving at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment roll for the cost of the 51 improvement of L I D 5308 for water mains in Alaska from So. 58th to So. 64th; Sheridan¹⁰¹ Ave. from So. 56th to So. 58th; So. 58th from Sheridan to Alaska and So. 57th from 51:32 Shierdan to Asotin Street.

Dr. Humiston moved that the date of February 24, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Fire Dept. for the month of December 1959.

Report from the Tacoma Police Dept. for the month of December 1959.

Report from the Tacoma Municipal Court for the month of December 1959.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands distributed a progress report on the Baseball project and said 465
he hopes to have such a report every two weeks to keep the Council informed. 477

Mr. Rowlands said in reference to the Airport situation, it is hoped a 428
decision will be forthcoming by the end of this month on the site, but the allocation 478
will probably not be made until the first of March.

Mrs. Goering said ever since the one-way street program came into effect, she 431
has been concerned over the fact that emergency vehicles travel the wrong way on these 486
one-way streets. Possibly there is no way to avoid this completely but wondered if
there is any way to modify it to some extent. She said she is convinced that at times

this is being abused, thus endangering the lives of a great number of people. She said she was referring primarily to ambulances. She asked that a report be submitted on this matter.

Mr. Rowlands said as far as fire trucks are concerned the all red signal in the downtown area is now being used.

472 Dr. Humiston said he would like to spare his successor the many comments the "Vice Mayor" title produces. Therefore he asked that an Ordinance be prepared for the Council's consideration, changing the title of "Vice Mayor" to "Deputy Mayor."

He said he has also noted his position of Vice Mayor is not established by Ordinance and he also asked that this be done.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Ben Hanson
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Meeton*
City Clerk