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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.
Tuesday, May 9, 1961**

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 7: Bott Easterday, Murtland, Olson, Price, Steele and Mayor Hanson. Absent 2: Cvitanich and Porter.

Mr. Easterday said he had talked with Mr. Porter and Mr. Cvitanich and they informed him that they would not be able to attend the Council meeting tonight as Mr. Porter had some business to attend to and that Mr. Cvitanich was ill. He said he would like to move that Mr. Porter and Mr. Cvitanich both be excused from the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Steele moved that the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 1961 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson said the Council will note that Resolutions No. 16560 and 16561 which do not appear on the agenda have been presented to the Council for their examination. He said they relate to the Beautification Committee and the Kokura Sister City Committee and will appear on the agenda for next week. He said the City has such committees in operation now, but felt it was advisable to set up a more formal procedure in the methods of appointment, and tenure of office so that the continuity can be in an orderly process, not only during the present Council but can be continued on into future Councils. He said he would like to have the Council members study these Resolutions during the next week.

Mayor Hanson said with reference to the Sister City Committee he would like to say as a City we are very deeply indebted to the fine and dedicated work accomplished by Mr. John Anderson and Dr. Homer Humiston with reference to the initial organization and establishment of the Sister City arrangement with Kokura, Japan. Their work was culminated in national, recognition by the State Dept., wherein Tacoma, was one of the (3) cities in the United States given an award of merit at the American Municipal Association Convention in New York, by the State Dept. for promoting the people to people programs through the Sister City affiliation. He said we are deeply grateful to Mr. Anderson and Dr. Humiston. He has received assurances from them that they will continue to operate and work with the Sister City. In fact, he added, Mr. Anderson will be the official representative of this City and its citizens this summer when he visits Kokura at which time he will present the City of Kokura a totem pole on behalf of the City of Tacoma and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Hanson said he has been searching for a person who could confine and dedicate himself to this one project. Both Dr. Humiston and John Anderson have been kind enough to divide their time between this project and a number of other projects. He said he has found a person who through his work with the Sister City Committee has become extremely enthusiastic about the possibility and introduced Dr. John Moore to the Council as his nominee to the Chairmanship of the Sister City Committee. He added, Dr. Moore has indicated his willingness to assume this responsibility and has a great deal of very fine ideas in relation to this Committee.

Mayor Hanson said he would like the Council to consider the Resolution before the next meeting and also the nomination of Dr. John Moore as Chairman.

Mr. Steele said it appeared to him that the Resolutions relate only to the procedure of establishing these committees. Nothing is indicated as to the number comprising the Committee.

Mayor Hanson said it was his thought to leave the size of the membership open so that the Council would be able to include any citizen who desires to serve. Since the scope of these projects is so broad a limitation on the number of members is not as important as having it opened to those truly interested. He said, in order to avoid the cumbersome nature of an unduly large committee, the last paragraph of the Resolutions places the authority and responsibility on the Chairman of appointing a three member executive board who shall act during the interim of the regular meetings of the body, which will meet no less than four times a year.

Mr. Steele said he thought it would be in order to act upon these two Resolutions this evening so that at the next meeting the Mayor's recommendations as to appointments to the Committees could be considered. He then moved that the rules be suspended in order to consider Resolution No. 16560 and 16561 at this time. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16560:

Creating and establishing the City of Tacoma Beautification Committee.

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

Mr. Murtland said it seemed to him that the last paragraph regarding the Executive Committee should be clarified. He asked if the Chairman was to be a member of said committee.

Mayor Hanson said that was the intention.

Mr. Murtland said he thought it should be spelled out more specifically. Mr. Steele then moved that the paragraph be amended so as to read in part "two" members thereof, who, together with the Chairman, shall constitute and be known as the executive committee." Seconded by Murtland. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution as amended. The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16561:

Creating and establishing the Kokura Sister City Committee of the City of Tacoma.

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

Mrs. Price then moved that this Resolution also be amended so as to read in part in the last paragraph "two members thereof, who, together with the Chairman, shall constitute and be known as the executive committee." Seconded by Mr. Steele. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution as amended. The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

HEARINGS & APPEALS:

Dr. Harold A. Dabroe appealing from the decision of the Planning Commission on the denial of his petition for the rezoning of the S. W. corner of So. 38th & J Streets, from an "R-3" to a "C-1" District.

Mr. Steele moved that June 13, 1961 be set as the date for hearing. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

This is the date set for discussion on the Washington State Research Council's Report.

Mayor Hanson advised that Mr. John Current, Executive Director of the Washington State Research Council is present this evening to discuss the report.

Mr. Current explained that before answering any questions of the Council he would like to review the Report in Brief which begins on page iii of the report. He said, the first seven recommendations deal with the question of financing recurring operating expenses from recurring revenue sources and segregating therefore from these, the non-recurring expenses and handling them through revenue sources that are not of the normal recurring nature. On page vii, are a series of recommendations dealing with the Fire and Police Department culminating with the recommendation that would integrate the Fire and Police protection services into one department termed the Public Safety Department.

He said the balance of the recommendations are somewhat technical in nature. One is that the City have an opportunity to have broader authority over revenue sources. Obviously, this together with some of the other recommendations contained in the book would not be available to the City Government without some substantiating legislation on the part of the State Government. On page 9 there is another recommendation that is somewhat technical regarding the operation of bond issues for City purposes. Again this takes an enactment of State Statutes in order to implement this operation.

Mr. Current added that they have been most interested in the recommendation

on page 9 which deals with a budgetary reporting system of City Government. Some suggestions have been set forth for budgetary systems which is felt would improve the budget system for Tacoma. As a matter of fact, the State has incorporated this particular pattern into the State budgeting system. He also outlined several other recommendations.

He further added, they would like to reemphasize that in preparing this material and in compiling this information they have had very satisfactory cooperation with the departments of the City and excellent relationships with the Dept. of Finance and the City Manager. As a matter of fact as they have prepared this material and discussed the recommendations made, they have felt that the people involved at the operational level of the City Government in Tacoma were most helpful indeed and have placed into operation before this report was ever published. several of the recommendations included herein. As far as the Research Council is concerned, they have found that they have had excellent cooperation and feel that the operation of the City Government is in competent hands and would hope that the material furnished will be of greater benefit in understanding the problems of the City Government.

Mayor Hanson asked if the Washington State Research Council performed similar studies in other cities throughout Washington.

Mr. Current said this is the first study for a city.

Mayor Hanson asked why Tacoma was chosen for this study.

Mr. Current said, it was requested by the City.

Mrs. Price asked that a brief background be given on the Washington State Research Council.

Mr. Current explained that the Research Council is an independent organization that is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from people in the State who feel that there should be someone from the outside looking at governmental operations. The Research Council is definitely of a non partisan and non political nature. This is their first venture in the field of City Government. Much research has been made in school districts or at the State level, but generally the scope of operation is that of State and local government wherever it is requested, and where the staff is able to handle it or where the Research Council may feel that there is a job to do. The Research Council's direction is entirely in the hands of a Board of Trustees elected by the members.

Mr. Bott asked how long their Company has been in operation.

Mr. Current said the Research Council was formed in 1953. Prior to that time there were two organizations, one, the old Washington State Taxpayers Association and the other the Washington Bureau of Governmental Research. The Research Council is the combination of these two organizations.

Mayor Hanson asked, at the time the report was submitted to the Council on December 20, 1960, was the report made public?

Mr. Current said it was not due to the limitation of the number of copies. As a matter of fact, he added, it has not been made broadly public since that time. The report was distributed to the Legislature particularly in terms of its content of the problems the cities have in financing their own

operation. It was felt it would be very helpful to them in determining how to handle the many problems presented at the State Legislature regarding City operation.

Mayor Hanson said, outside the limitation of the publication, there has been no effort to deprive the public of the report.

Mr. Current said, there has not. They anticipate that there will be a broader distribution.

Mr. Strawn, an associate of the Research Council, outlined the Consolidated Operating Statement appearing on page 4 of the report. He said this presents in detail a financial history of the City of Tacoma over a 10 year period.

He stated, as any record, this operating statement indicates what is now past history and cannot be changed. However, a record such as this can be very useful in helping to indicate probable trends in revenues and expenditures in the future and in providing a review of past experience which could lead to future improvements. There are probably three basic conclusions that can be drawn from the study of an operating statement of this type. First of all, it is possible to see that it is highly desirable whenever it is at all possible to rely on recurring income to finance recurring expenses. Secondly, such a study indicates a continuous need to emphasize the necessity of limiting current expenditures to live within current income, and thirdly it does indicate that the expenditures of providing services of the type comparable to those provided in the period of 1950 to 1959 can be financed from the existing revenue structure.

Mrs. Price, asked if during the course of this study from 1950 through 1959, if they found at any time that the expenditures exceeded the budget appropriations of the Council.

Mr. Strawn said that he thought not. Actually, he said, this would be an illegal operation.

Mr. Bott said in the report it is suggested that the Fire and Police Departments be consolidated into one Public Safety Dept. He asked, why was this suggested and if this is followed in other cities?

Mr. Strawn said there are approximately 34 cities that now have an integrated Police and Fire Dept, however, he added, the cities are smaller than Tacoma.

Mrs. Olson asked when a report for a School District or others are made, how do they usually present the report so that the body concerned can make the best possible use of the recommendations.

Mr. Current replied that it was submitted very much in the same manner as it was presented to the Council. In all instances they have spoken with as many people as possible who had knowledge of the problem, and made the findings. Then they place themselves at the disposal of the body involved for questions. He said they have found that the opportunity for discussion is most helpful, although in some cases their recommendations are not always accepted.

Mrs. Olson said in checking over the report, it seemed to her that the Research Council makes a number of very excellent suggestions. She added, perhaps not all of them could be adapted to the City's particular circumstances, but some of them such as the recommendation for setting up the budgetary procedure seems to be a very excellent idea. One point raised which she felt deserved a little more discussion as far as members of the Council are concerned had to do with the fact that while they cannot project the recurring income, caution should be taken not to move ahead with certain projects for a year or so until, the City is able to better project into the 60's what the recurring incomes would be.

Mr. Current pointed out that he recalls they stated there seems to be some indication there may be a fall off in some of the revenue sources the City has used, and this probably would be a very good point to keep in mind to see how well these particular revenue sources would maintain themselves over a period of time. This is not a very difficult thing to do because reports are coming in and these are normal revenue sources that are quite regular in their recurring and anyone, upon reading these reports, can see the pattern. Revenue sources for cities in the State of Washington are quite predictable and he thought it would be well for the City Council to have these projections available.

Mrs. Olson said she realized that many of these suggestions fall into an administrative area and, therefore, are not the decision of the City Council; but in the area she mentioned previously, she felt the City Council should interest themselves.

Mr. Bott asked if these findings and recommendations had been discussed with the departments involved, such as the Finance, Police or Fire Dept., or was the report simply turned over to the City Government.

Mr. Current said he thought the Dept. of Finance had been contacted, but he did not think the Police Dept. had.

Mr. Bott asked why these were not discussed with the Police and Fire Departments.

Mr. Current said this was due to the fact that the suggestion was not made to move into an existing department and consolidate their operations immediately. The operations of the Police and Fire consolidation probably would be more effective and more readily handled because of the complex problems of the retirement programs, etc. to consider this in the future within the department.

Mr. Bott said then there would be (3) departments to consider then gradually as the men retired, etc., the department would be integrated.

Mr. Current said the tendency would be the initial operation of three functions.

Mr. Bott asked if he felt in a City of this size it was practical.

Mr. Current said he thought it would be more practical in the long run than trying to consolidate them all at one time.

Mr. Bott asked on whose authority was this suggestion made and what was the background of the individual.

Mr. Current said they were operating from a pattern of previous reports from other areas. He said it was not the recommendation that there be a

complete change at the present time as this would be rather impractical from the terms of governmental operations, but that it should be a gradual change.

Mr. Steele said he understands from the remarks made by Mr. Current that some of the recommendations contained in the report were actually adopted and put into operation prior to the report. He asked if Mr. Current had observed any practise or operation within the internal fiscal operations of the City that he thought were particularly objectionable.

Mr. Current said, he had not. On the contrary, he added, the cooperation received from the City officials and the people themselves was such that the manner in which they conducted City business was open and above board, or they would not have asked for this study.

Mr. Steele said with reference to areas in the report, wherein it is felt that some change in State Statutes is desirable, in order to enable the municipality to acquire more operating revenue, "is there any area wherein the Washington State Research Council can bring some persuasion to bear, so to speak, on the Legislature to accomplish this."

Mr. Current said he would decline to commit himself.

Mrs. Olson remarked that opposite page 29 of the report, there is a table (Figure 6) showing the estimated recurring expenditures which exceed the estimated current receipts by some ten or twelve million dollars projected to 1970. She said she realized that is based on the Capital Improvement Program which may or may not be carried through to completion. On the other hand, Table A-22 in the back of the report is the 1960-1965 Proposed Capital Improvements Program, and wondered if the projection on page 29 takes into account Capital Improvements other than those listed in Table A-22 or if those are the ones used in the projection and then estimated ahead into debt redemption, etc. She said she asked this question as she was not able to find any other proposed table of Capital Improvements.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like to comment on this matter. He said the estimates were made by his office. The City Manager's Staff made the projection for the next 10 year period. (Figure 6) opposite page 29 is detailed out by Table A-27, the last table in the report. He said these are merely recommendations. It is difficult to know how this will finally materialize. He did want to point out, however, that the Council would have to get additional revenues from some other source or they would have to cut back on the extent of the program in order to balance this.

He said these figures had been taken from over the past couple of years to more or less compare the philosophy presented by the Washington Research Council Report of an increase of revenue of approximately 5 to 5 1/2 % per annum. The City expects to have an increase on the expenditure side of about the same amount. The point that is stressed throughout the report is that the recurring expenses must be met by the recurring income. It has been found that during the past couple of years, normal expected additional obligations confronted by the City Council such as additional medical costs, normal increase in wages and salaries for City employees, increase in employees pension costs,

street lighting maintenance, additional fire hydrants rental fee, additional requests received from Park Board, Library Board, etc., are what is considered to be normal recurring costs which the City Council would normally be expected to absorb out of these 5 and 5 1/2 % increased revenues. The fact is that the City Council has done a tremendous job in meeting these additional obligations, but in addition to these, there have been certain fixed obligations in the amount of \$353,000 in the year of 1959 and 1961 inclusive over which the City Council has no control. For example, since the City officers have moved into the County City Building, it is costing the City \$102,000 a year for the privilege of occupying the building; it is costing \$42,000 a year more to operate the building over and above what it cost in the old City Hall. In order to meet the Fire Underwriters requirements, 14 more Firemen were employed, costing \$80,000. Also the City had anticipated obtaining money from the State - collected, locally shared taxes, on an estimated population of approximately 158,000. Unfortunately, when the census was taken in 1960, it was found that the City's share would be based on the population of approximately 148,000 which meant a cut of \$129,000. No matter what City or unit of government, he added, it would be very difficult to absorb a tremendous increased burden of \$350,000 without any offset of recurring revenues.

Mayor Hanson said if the City does not receive additional income, we will have to foreclose some of these recommended services such as a new park, recreational program etc.

Mr. Steele said he thought that Mr. Current's presentation and the Washington State Research Council's report is a very valuable study, and some action should be taken by the City Council to commend Mr. Current and Mr. Strawn for their studies. He then moved that Mr. Current, Mr. Strawn and the Washington State Research Council be commended for their report and their excellent presentation this evening. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson also thanked Mr. Current and Mr. Strawn for appearing before the Council this evening.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16555: (postponed from the meeting of May 2, 1961)

Recommending that the City Council make all the necessary arrangements for a running audit by an independent firm of certified public accountants.

Mr. Steele moved that the Resolution be postponed for one week, May 16th, until Mr. Cvitanich is present since he requested the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16557:

Accepting certain offers to sell Real Property situated within an Urban Renewal Project designated Project No. Wash. R-1.

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

Voice vote was taken on the Resolution.
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16558:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a modification agreement amending certain portions of an agreement dated Sept. 30, 1959 between the County of Pierce and National Exhibition Co., governing the terms and conditions of Cheney Field.

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

Mayor Hanson said the National Exhibition Company can be identified as the Tacoma Giants.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that after one year's experience with the Tacoma Giants it was felt that there should be some clarification to the existing agreement. These recommendations have all been reviewed and accepted by the Ball Park Committee comprised of the Mayor, a representative of the County and also the Metropolitan Park Board.

Briefly, Mr. Rowlands said, the changes are as follows: Paragraph (5) is amended so as to provide for the preparation of a cost schedule to be utilized in determining the costs the City or County must pay when using the facilities while the Tacoma Giants are out of the City. This will enable the County and City to more accurately determine the rent to be paid by the various organizations desiring to lease the park for their activities. The charges have not been entirely agreed upon by the Committee as yet, he added.

In paragraph (6), the date is changed for final accounting from October 31st to November 30th.

In paragraph (8), the definition of concession income was amended so as to contain both television and radio rights. The City receives a certain percentage of those proceeds.

In paragraph (9), the term "net admission receipts" has been amended so as to determine the receipts on a turnstile count which is typical throughout the area.

Mr. Rowlands said in cleanup costs, they have the right to deduct 50% of the total cleanup cost as a business expense against the concession operation.

The last change is in paragraph (34) which exempts the exhibition game each year between the San Francisco Giants and the Tacoma Club from the "breakage", change provision inserted in the agreement.

Voice vote was taken.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16559:

Authorizing the proper officers to execute and deliver to the Metropolitan Mortgage and Securities Co. Inc. a local improvement assessment deed upon payment of \$557.06 for property located at East 41st & I Streets.

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that the reason a private sale occurred here was that the L I D assessment was an oversight by the former owner.

Voice vote was taken.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16801:

Amending Sections 1, 12, 670 and 690 of the Official Code of the City to establish procedures in presenting Suggestion Awards. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said the Suggestion Award Board made some very constructive changes in their recommendations. 1. If any employee receives either a monetary or commendatory award, a certificate of merit will be issued in addition to the award. 2. The minimum award will be \$25.00. 3. Any suggestion for which an award has been authorized by the Utility Board or General Government, shall be eligible for an additional award which may be authorized by the City of Tacoma Award Board. 4. An employee who has received three successive awards shall be given an additional \$25.00.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16778: (as amended at the meeting of May 2nd)

Amending Sections 5, 6, 10 and 11 of Ordinance No. 16660 entitled, an Ordinance granting to the State-Wide Advertising Co., the right, privilege and permission to place, construct and maintain benches with advertising at designated locations on the streets and sidewalks in the City of Tacoma. Read by title.

Mr. Easterday said this Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Porter and since he is absent from the meeting along with Mr. Cvitanich, he would move that action be delayed on this Ordinance for three weeks, until May 31st.

Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Roll call was then taken on the motion resulting as follows:

Ayes 5; Nays 2, Murtland and Steele; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Porter. Motion carried.

Mr. Murtland said he thought a delay of 3 weeks was unnecessary merely because Mr. Porter and Mr. Cvitanich were absent. If there is any continuance needed, it certainly is not needed for 3 weeks, he added.

Mayor Hanson said those who voted on the prevailing side could bring it up at any time prior to May 31st.

Mrs. Olson said, she was contacted by Peggy Haley of Allied Arts in reference to the proposed bus benches who expressed concern about Mr. Porter's amendment and also Mr. Murtland's amendment. Mrs. Olson said she told Mrs. Haley her feeling was that the Council may not have been acting with the greatest of wisdom when they originally granted the franchise, and that she felt many, upon seeing the benches on the street were surprised to find out that they did not add anything to the beauty of the City. On the other hand, once granting a franchise and having done so in good faith and having had people invest money in an attempt to carry out their part of the franchise, she offered a suggestion that perhaps out of mistakes good things can come if people will work together to turn disadvantages to advantages. She said some weeks ago members of the City Council were invited to a dinner sponsored by Allied Arts wherein a gentleman from Portland showed some very fine slides and offered commentaries regarding beautiful cities all over the world. Many persons were appalled at how the City of Tacoma compared to the City of Paris and other places of real beauty. She thought if the City Council could cooperate with Allied Arts and the Beautification Committee and all the business men who have voiced an interest in the beauty of the City, by forming some kind of a committee on which the Council could also join, we could look forward to the day when Tacoma is a community of which we could all be very proud.

She said, in discussing this with Mrs. Haley, she told her that she would present it to the Council this evening hoping that the Council could make a motion to this effect, that perhaps Allied Arts working in conjunction with the Beautification Committee could initiate some steps and present some ideas to the Council in six weeks or so, in order that the City might begin to move ahead in the direction of something that will ultimately mean a great deal to everyone.

Ordinance No. 16796:

Repealing Ordinance No. 16776 to correct a duplication in section numbering, and adding a new section to the Code, Sec. 13.06.120 (22). Read by title and passed.

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

Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Porter.

The Ordinance was declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16797:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code and adding a new Section 13.06.065 (9) to include property located at the N. W. corner of East 57th and McKinley Ave. in a "R-4-L" Low Density Multiple Family Dwelling District. (petition of J. B. Malyon) Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Porter.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16798:

Amending Chapter 1.21.550 and 810 of the Official Code of the City and adding a new section 1.12.625 in reference to Transit operations. Read by title and passed.

Mr. Bott asked if there had been any objections to this Ordinance.
Mr. Rowlands said several of the representatives are here tonight and to his knowledge this has been worked out satisfactorily.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Porter.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16799:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4677 for permanent paving on various streets between So. 52nd and East 71st, also grading and ballasting on East T and Roosevelt Avenue from East 71st and 72nd Streets. Read by title and passed.

Mr. Rowlands said last week there were two property owners who had not had an opportunity to sign the petition for modification of this particular L I D. These additional signatures have now been obtained and the petition has been filed with the City Clerk. Therefore the passage of this Ordinance would be in order.

Roll call was then taken on the Ordinance resulting as follows:
Ayes 7, Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Porter.
The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

Ordinance No. 16800:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 5333 for cast iron water mains in the area bounded by East 72nd and S; E at 68th and Homestead Avenue. Read by title and passed.

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

Ayes 7, Nays 0; Absent 2, Cvitanich and Porter.

The Ordinance was then declared passed by the Chairman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of the improvement of L I D 3514 for sanitary sewers in Woodlawn & Pearl from So. 13th to 19th and in the vicinity of Sunset Heights Add. and at So. 30th & Tyler Streets.

Mr. Easterday moved that Monday, June 12, 1961 at 4:00 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing on the assessment roll for L I D 3514. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Municipal Court report for the month of April, 1961.
- b. Tacoma Employees' Retirement System report for the month of April, 1961.
- c. Tacoma City Planning Department report for the month of March, 1961.

COMMENTS:

Mrs. Olson asked that in connection with her previous remark relative to a committee, would it be proper to make a motion requesting that the Allied Arts Committee meet with the Beautification Committee to begin to discuss some ultimate plan for the beautification of Tacoma.

Mayor Hanson said he believed it would not only be appropriate but would embody the very purpose of the Beautification Committee. Although he said, he did not think a motion would be necessary but he would suggest that the City have an active Beautification Committee which he intends to appoint to this body. He added, if there are any additional members the Council would like to add to this committee, he would very much appreciate receiving their names. He said this matter could very well be placed on the Agenda of one of their meetings.

He pointed out that the Beautification Committee in existence now will continue in operation until the actual formation of the new committee.

Mrs. Olson distributed a copy of a telegram sent by the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce to the Trans-Continental Freight Bureau relative to a request for some action to reduce freight rates which would pertain to shipping corn to the West Coast. She explained that the Japanese are using a great deal more corn than they were some years ago for feeding poultry and

cattle. In 1951 they consumed some 45,000 tons of yellow corn and in 1959 they consumed 1,200,000 tons of corn. She said this corn should be shipped out of the Northwest ports, preferably Tacoma. If a reduction in rates is granted for corn alone from the midwest storage warehouses, then the Japanese will buy it and it will be shipped out of our Port here. If this reduction rate does not come about, the Japanese will buy their corn from other countries, because, apparently the corn they are buying from the gulf states is green and is not considered desirable feed. Therefore, she added, by requesting this reduction of rates, it does not affect any other area of the United States, it takes no business away from anyone. It is in line with our Sister City Program of helping Japan. The Trans-Continental Freight Bureau may take action within two or three days, so if the Council desires to take any action it should be done now.

Mrs. Olson moved, if it is deemed advisable by the Manager and the City Attorney, the City Council be authorized after studying this report of Mr. Earley, to wire the City Council's approval on this matter. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Easterday moved to amend Mrs. Olson's motion to concur in, and endorse the position as expressed by the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Mr. Bott. Voice vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Hanson said he had a letter from the Pierce County Veterans Advisory Council with reference to their position on the Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot matter which is consistent with the City's position. He said the letter will be duplicated and sent out to the Council.

He said the preliminary report worked out by the subcommittee of the Industrial Development Committee in cooperation with staff members, etc. regarding the Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot has been presented to each member of the Council. The report states the position of the City and in some extent is designed to fulfill the request of the congressional delegation.

Mr. Bott explained that the parking meter on his desk was the type that is to be used to convert the old meters to accept dimes as well as nickels. This will cost only \$10 or \$12 which is considerably less than the \$80 that it would require to purchase a new meter. He added, he had no interest in any parking meter company other than just the fact that he is interested in saving the City money rather than investing in new meters.

Mr. Otto Dynaski, a citizen, suggested that the buses stop at the escalades and suggested there be some benches installed in the large area for the benefit of the public while waiting for the buses.

Mayor Hanson said it sounded like a good suggestion and that it would be investigated.

Mrs. Kirk suggested that more street lights be installed at 11th and Pacific as she felt it was not safe for a woman to wait for the bus at night.

Mayor Hanson said the City Manager would look into this situation immediately.

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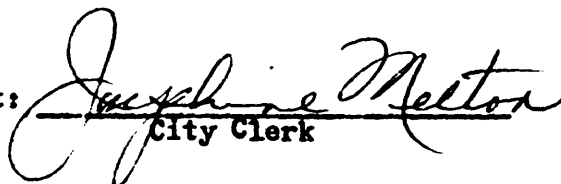
Mr. Bott said at this time he would like to make mention of the passing of Mrs. Frances Kurtshall who was an employee of the City Clerk's Office, and asked if it would be proper to request that a memorial be sent.

Mayor Hanson said that he already made arrangements to have flowers sent from the Council members. He said he has had occasions to work with Mrs. Kurtshall while his secretary was on vacation and had always found her to be very cheerful and efficient.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 P. M.


Mayor of the City Council

Attest:


City Clerk