

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, October 14, 1957.

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5: Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Hefson, Battin; Mrs. Goering taking her seat at 8:14 P. M. and Mayor Anderson taking seat at 8:30 P. M. Absent 2; Bratrud, Humiston.

In the absence of Mayor Anderson, Dr. Battin presided.

It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston and Mayor Anderson.

MOTION:

× Lundberg Concrete Pipe Co., et al, for rezoning property at northeast corner Center and Cedar Streets from an R-2 and M-1 District to an M-2 District. Referred to the City Planning Commission.

× Carl B. Williams, et al, for rezoning property on north side of South 12th Street between Junett and Cedar Streets from an R-3 District to a C-1 District. Referred to the City Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15122: × L I D 4591.

HUMISTON:

Fixing December 3, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 4591--permanent type pavement including curbs, gutters and storm water catch basins on Tyler Street from South 17th Street to South 19th Street, on Wilkeson Street from South 19th Street to South 23rd Street and on Ridgewood Avenue from South 12th to South 14th Street; also storm drains only on South 14th Street.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15123: × L I D 5294.

BY BATTIN:

Fixing November 5, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 5294--constructing cast iron water mains in Edwards Road, 51st Street, N. E., Kennedy Road and Harborview Drive, all located in Northeast Tacoma.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15124: × L I D 5295.

BRATRUD:

Fixing November 19, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 5295 --cast iron water main in North 17th Street; from North Fir Street to North Juniper Street; and in Cascade and Fir Streets from North 17th Street to approximately 250 feet north.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

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Resolution No. 15125:

By JENSEN:

Awarding contract to Tom Tonneson on his bid of \$2,643.75 for grading, ballasting and surfacing and storm drainage on East 68th Street from East B Street to East D Street---L I D 2273.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Goering, Bratrud, Humiston, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15126:

By HUMISTON:

Awarding contract to Tom Tonneson on his bid of \$2,446.64 for grading, ballasting and surfacing on South Fife Street from South 38th Street to South 39th Street; also on South 39th Street from Fife Street to Prospect Street---L I D 2279.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15127:

By GOERING:

Authorizing proper officers to sell approximately 20,000 lbs. of insulated junk copper to the Northwest Pipe and Salvage Co. on their bid of \$.1289 or a total of \$2,578.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15128:

By PERDUE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into a five year lease with the Kapowsin Cattle Association of certain Water Division property located near Kapowsin Lake at an annual rental of \$100.00.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15129:

By JENSEN:

Authorizing payment of \$800.00 to Cora E. Scougale for settlement of lawsuit and authorizing payment of said amount from the Sundry Injuries and Damages Fund.

Mr. Hamilton, Asst. City Attorney, explained the result of the law suit brought against the City by Cora E. Scougale. He said Mrs. Scougale was 83 years old and while walking along 6th and Pine Street fell in a depression on the sidewalk and dislocated her shoulder. Dr. Lawrence, her attending physician, said the fall dislocated her shoulder, but when she was examined by an Orthopedic Doctor he said this was an old injury and called it a "frozen shoulder". Mr. Hamilton said her arm was so that she cannot raise it any higher than a 45° angle and is of the opinion she will have a permanent injury, due to this fall. This settlement in this amount, he feels, will be advantageous to the City.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15130:

JENSEN:

Consenting to the sale of two Motor Busses by the Tacoma Transit Company upon terms and conditions as it deems advisable and that the proceeds from such sale shall go to the owner-lessor, the Tacoma Transit Company.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.  
 Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15131:

ANDERSON:

Awarding contract to Tom Tonneson on his bid of \$9,211.10 for removal of existing street car rails located on the Puyallup River Viaduct on East 11th Street, W. O. 7820.

Adopted on roll call October 14, 1957.  
 Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

Resolution No. 14913: (Laid over to this date on Feb. 25, 1957) 157  
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Submitting to qualified voters at a Special Municipal Election of a proposition to amend the City Charter (providing for election of members of the Utility Board, reducing membership to three; and providing compensation.

Mr. Tollefson said that inasmuch as this Resolution was proposed by Mr. Bratrud, as long as he and three other Council members are absent, he will move that this Resolution be laid over until November 4th for consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen. Carried on roll call: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Anderson.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15960

Abolishing the Municipal Shops Revolving Fund; transferring all moneys, assets and liabilities in said fund to the Equipment Rental Fund; and repealing Ordinance No. 15476. Ordinance by title and placed in order of final reading.

Mr. Rowlands explained when the Budget Ordinance was adopted on October 10th there was a typographical error made and would like to call Council's attention to it at this time.

Mr. Gaisford said that in setting up Ordinance No. 15958-Budget Ordinance-that estimate receipts and unexpended balance was inadvertently omitted. The Departments supported by taxation, the Service Division of the Utilities, which is a new division set up under the last project they had for the Light & Water, was inadvertently omitted. He will make no change in the overall Budget, he said. The proper way to handle this is to substitute Page 2 of the Ordinance, inasmuch as there is no change in the overall total.

Dr. Battin advised that this will be considered later in the meeting as this amendment requires six affirmative votes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This is the date fixed for hearing on W. O. 7707 - Units 301 to 336, for reconstruction and repairs on Court "C" Street from South 6th to South 13th Street. 376

Mr. Staman advised they would like this Work Order for Court C done according to the State Laws of 1949, whereby making the payment of replacing deteriorated curbs and sidewalks the responsibility of the property owner. He advised a couple of years ago they completed work on Court A in the same manner. Mr. Staman said they have answered many 456

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inquiries pertaining to this improvement, and Mr. Wickstrom from the Engineering Staff is present and would be glad to answer any questions that anyone might have.

Mr. Geo. Salzer, residing at Steilacoom, asked how his assessment and the City's share was derived at.

Mr. Pease asked what area was included in this reconstruction as his card notice did not indicate what area.

Mr. Wickstrom answered these questions to the satisfaction of both parties.

"Preliminary report on the use of Urban Renewal for the improvement of Dock and Warehouse facilities."

Mr. Rowlands explained that this report was requested by Mr. Tollefson back in August of this year. He said there are two items in the report that should be stressed. Under our own Charter, the City cannot dispose of any property that we might own without a change in the Charter. Under the Urban Renewal, it might be difficult also to secure funds for rehabilitating this area since there isn't too many homes in the Port area. There is a point brought out in the report, Mr. Rowlands said, where there are some homes that might fit into the program but even where there is discretion used by the Urban Renewal Agency where you don't meet the 50 or 60% rate figure, you must have at least 30% of the area containing residential units before receiving any assistance.

In view of the fact we do not have any increased Urban Renewal Staff in operation as yet, and since there are a number of other studies which are being made, it was felt by the Planning Commission that no action be taken on the City Docks and Wholesale facilities at this time, but that such a study wait for the full time employment of a Urban Renewal Planner and the establishment of a priority list of Urban Renewal projects.

Mr. Rowlands also pointed out that on Page 5 of the report under the Washington Law, the City has the right to move into the blighted area if the Council declares it as such. We would have the right to classify it as a blighted area, even though it does not contain any houses; we could re-develop these areas, but for the most part they would not coincide with the Federal law. We have enabling legislation to secure Urban Renewal under the Federal Act and we also have the right to move in under the State Act, he added.

X Mr. Rowlands advised he would be leaving this week for the International City Managers Conference in Washington, D. C. and he has already made arrangements for an appointment with the Ass't Director of Urban Renewal to spend the morning after the Conference with him to see what can be done to expedite our own program.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

X Tacoma Transit Co., setting forth the financial circumstances of the Company, and stating they feel, if bus service is to continue in Tacoma, some outside source of financial assistance must be found.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Curtis Hill, President of the Transit Co., if he would like to speak before the Council on this matter.

Mr. Hill advised that there was nothing further other than what was in the Communication to the Council. "There is nothing else I can see that you can do, he told the Council, except maybe to find some money to keep us going."

Dr. Battin said the Council is in the process of appointing a Citizen's Committee to consider a number of problems. He asked Mr. Hill if this Committee the Council is appointing would be satisfactory, or should a Special Committee be appointed to handle this situation.

Mr. Hill suggested that a Sub-committee to study the Transit Problem would be ideal.

Mayor Anderson assumed the chair at 8:30 P. M.

Mr. Rowlands advised Mayor Anderson that Ordinance No. 15958 which was brought up earlier in the meeting with the corrections, should be considered at this time. Mr. Rowlands explained when the ordinance was presented last Thursday there was a clerical error made which did not change the total figure and it would be considered at this time.

Mr. Tollefson moved to suspend the rules to consider this Ordinance. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bratrud, Humiston, Perdue.

It was moved by Mr. Tollefson to amend Ordinance No. 15958 by substituting the following therein. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bratrud, Humiston, Perdue.

Mr. Rowlands distributed a program for the 37th Annual Pacific Northwest Conference of Building Owners and Managers to be held in the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma on October 27, 28 and 29, with the "Keynote on Today's Major Issues", and invited the entire Council to be present.

Mr. Rowlands also called attention to a memo the Mayor received regarding the Annual Meeting of the Inland Empire Waterway Association to be held in Longview on October 28th and 29th. There are going to be some outstanding individuals, such as Major General E. C. Itschner, Chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Brig. General Louis H. Foote, Pacific Division Engineer of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Senator W. Jackson of Washington and Representative Overton Brooks of Louisiana, who is also President of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, Mr. Braxton B. Carr, President of the American Waterways Operators, Inc., as well as other prominent persons, he said.

Mr. Rowlands requested the Mayor to select someone, preferably from the Council to act as a delegate to this meeting. He added that the name of the person selected should be transmitted to the Association so that he can be appointed to a committee which will be an active part of the organization in the future. Mr. Anderson requested Mr. Rowlands to check with the members of Council, and if they are unable to attend, a staff member should be appointed to represent the City.

Mayor Anderson advised he had received a letter from Edward F. Faker, Chairman of the Pierce County Veterans Advisory Council, inviting the Council to act as hosts for the Military and Naval Officers, and ride with them in the Honor section of the Veterans Day Parade, November 11th, and also outlining the activities of the day. He asked Mr. Rowlands to poll the Council and notify Mr. Faker who will attend.

Mr. Anderson also advised that he had a letter from William H. Krabler, Rt. 2 Box 193, Gig Harbor, protesting the erection of an airport between Highway 14-A and Point Fosdick. He advised that rumors are prevalent that Pierce County and the City of Tacoma are proposing this airport, and he wished to protest the construction of this facility. Mr. Rowlands advised that his office has had several individuals and groups from that area come in and call his office. He added that in the "Six Year Plan" it is suggested that Citizen groups and Council consider the possible construction of an airport in this area.

Mr. E. L. Milton of 2309 So. Sprague spoke in regards to Ordinance No. 15980, Section 14. He advised that he was required to deposit \$200.00 into the Water Department for a hookup service. He asked why this was necessary.

Mr. Gaisford advised this \$200.00 was required as a deposit for the time when a L I D is approved benefiting his property. He also advised when this particular L I D is approved, the \$200.00 will be applied towards the costs and will be deducted from the amount that he will be required to pay. If the full \$200. deposit is not entirely used, the remaining portion will be refunded.

Mr. Tollefson explained further to Mr. Milton the reasons for this deposit and the background of the Ordinance.

Mr. George Salzer advised that he had received a ticket for speeding on Jefferson Avenue a short time ago. He said he was proceeding at what he thought was the legal limit of 30 miles per hour when he was stopped by a Police Radar Unit. He was advised the speed limit was 25 miles per hour. Inasmuch as no signs were posted, Mr. Salzer claimed he did not know that the speed limit was 25 miles per hour.

Mr. Tollefson advised that according to the Traffic Ordinance, all streets in the City are 25 miles zones if they are not marked otherwise.

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Mr. Jensen said that he has had many reports of the activity of the Police Radar Unit and asked that the Police Department list the number of citations in their monthly report that were brought about by the Radar Unit.

ITEMS RECEIVED FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- x (1) Record of cases in Tacoma Municipal Court during the month of September, 1957.
- x (2) Police Department--Monthly report for September, 1957.
- x (3) Light Division-Department of Public Utilities - report for August, 1957.
- x (4) Director of Finance - report for the month of September, 1957.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried Council adjourned at 19:09 P. M.

Attest:

Josephine Dieton  
City Clerk.

John H. Reed  
President of City Council.