

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7: 40 P. M.

Monday, August 29, 1955.

Council met in regular session. Present 9; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 0.

It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston 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 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Initial Resolution No. 14378. L. I. D. 5258. X 203

BY HUMISTON:

Stating intention of Council to order installation of cast iron water main in East "E" Street, East "F" Street, East "G" Street from East 84th Street to East 86th Street and in East 86th Street from East "D" Street to East "G" Street; creating L. I. D. 5258 and fixing October 4th, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call August 29, 1955.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14379.

BY HUMISTON:

Authorizing proper officers of the City of Tacoma to sell Lots 21 to 23, Block 2307, Tacoma Land Company's First Addition (part of former Light Division garage and storeroom at 24th and Holgate) to Sound Drug Wholesale Inc. on their bid of \$16,600.00. Read in full. Attorney Lester Seinfeld, representing Max Le Bid, the successful bidder on the first sale, claimed that the call for bids, did not state what the terms were, what the interest rate would be or what down payment was required. He alleged that no consideration was given to one bid for \$95,000 for the entire parcel, which was mailed the date of the bid opening. (It was reported by Mr. Gaisford that this bid was not received by the Board of Contracts and Awards until 8:15 AM the following day.) The City would be making a grave mistake in selling the tract as 3 separate parcels, he said. He was present tonight to re-submit the offer of his client to pay \$95,000 for the entire tract, he added. Councilman Perdue reported he had been contacted by a Tacoma business man to-day, who is willing to submit a starting bid of \$100,000 and to pay \$10,000 earnest money. Attorney Warren Peterson, representing Lexington & Co., said his client was interested in purchasing the property in its entirety with an opening bid of \$100,000 which he pointed out might be raised to \$120,000 in the course of the auction. Dr. Humiston read for Council's information the City's call for sealed bids to be received up to 11 A. M. Mr. Boyle advised that the sale as held was regular and met all provisions of the Charter, Administrative Code and law as to advertising, etc. The advisability of selling the two smaller tracts at this time, leaving the middle parcel, which has the highest appraisal value, to be sold at a later date, was discussed at length. Some of the Council members favored rejecting the bids and selling the entire tract at auction, others felt that since the sale had been conducted in a legal manner, and the Utility Board recommended that bids for tracts A and C be accepted, the sales should be consummated by Council adopting the resolutions. In the discussion it was brought out that the parcel sold to the Sound Drug, Inc. was intended to be sold on terms of 1/10 down, balance in 10 years with 5% interest, which stipulation had evidently been omitted from the resolution through an oversight. Mr. Eastman, representing the Sound Drug and Mr. Garen of the Light Department both agreed this

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was the intent of the Utility Board at the time the bids were approved and had been left out in drafting the resolution. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen that the resolution be amended to include the language of the Sound Drug Co's. offer, 10% down, balance in 10 years and 5% interest. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Mrs. Goering said she did not have all the information she desired before voting, and asked why the suggestion of the Director of Finance and City Attorney that an auction of the property be held, was not accepted by the Utility Board. Mr. Gaisford said this suggestion had been made, but Mr. Barline had called and said that the Utility Board wanted the sale to be conducted by sealed bids, which the manner in which the Board of Contracts and Awards handled the matter. It was pointed out by Mr. Gaisford that over 65 interested parties, whose names had been supplied by the Utility Board, had been notified of the call for bids. Mayor Tollefson said he felt that the Utility Board had weighed all the bids and considered all angles very carefully before making recommendations that the Council accept the bids and he was in favor of following the Board's recommendation. Mr. Bratrud suggested that a favorable bid might be received for parcel "B" in the near future and moved that the resolution be postponed to September 6th. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and lost on roll call: Ayes 3; Battin, Bratrud, Goering; Nays 6; Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Roll was then called on the adoption of the resolution, resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call August 29, 1955.

Ayes 5; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Tollefson; Nays 4; Battin, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack. Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14380.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to sell Lots 9 to 12 inc. Block 2307, Tacoma Land Co's. First Addition (part of former Light Division garage and storeroom at 24th and Holgate) to Comfort, Davis & Blangy, Inc. on their bid of \$35,000.00. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call August 29, 1955.

Ayes 6; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson. Nays 3; Battin, Jensen, Stojack. Absent 0.

Initial Resolution No. 14381. L. I. D. 4576.

By Bratrud:

Stating intention of Council to order grading to established subgrade and placing thereon an asphaltic concrete pavement, with cement concrete curbs and gutters, together with the necessary storm drainage on North 12th Street from Mason Street to Proctor Street; creating L. I. D. 4576 and fixing September 20, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call August 29, 1955.

Ayes 7; Nays 1; Battin, Absent 0.

Initial Resolution No. 14382. L. I. D. 2179.

By BRATRUD:

Stating intention of Council to order grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon a gravel and oil mat surface on Shirley Street from North 31st Street to the south line of Westmoreland Terrace; creating L. I. D. 2179 and fixing September 20th, 1955 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call August 29, 1955.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15422.

Directing the Director of Public Works to transfer an additional \$20,000.00 from the City Street Fund to the City Street Investment Fund; and authorizing the expenditure of the same pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Tacoma and the State of Washington, Department of Highways, for the construction of Federal Aid Project No. U-4601 (1), Milwaukee Way Extension, said agreement and manner of expenditure being previously set forth in Ordinance No. 15260. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15423.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts, etc." by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 9H. (ZONING ORDINANCE) (Including property now in "R-3" Two Family Dwelling District in "C-2" Commercial Districts as follows: West side of South Puget Sound Avenue from 120' South of South 56th to South 58th; and NE Corner of intersection of South 11th Street and Sheridan and at the east side of South Sheridan between South 11th and South 12th). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15413. L I D 2238.

Providing for improvement of the south side of South 17th Street from Adams Street to Washington Street, the west side of Washington Street from South 17th Street to South 18th Street and the north side of South 18th Street from Adams Street to Washington Street by construction of cement concrete sidewalks thereon; creating L I D 2238. Read by title. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 119

Roll call Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15414. L. I. D. 4558. 48.207

Providing for improvement of South Bell Street from South 56th Street to South 60th Street by grading, laying asphaltic concrete surface with concrete curbs and gutters, also constructing concrete walks on South Bell Street from South 58th Street to South 60th Street; creating L I D 4558. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full. 118

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

Ordinance No. 15415. L. I. D. 4569. 48:71

Providing for improvement of North 28th Street from Cheyenne Street to Stevens Street by grading, laying asphaltic concrete paving and constructing cement concrete curbs and gutters, together with storm drainage; creating L I D 120

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4569. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15416. L. I. D. 4570.

Providing for the improvement of North 7th Street from Alder Street to Lawrence Street by grading, construction of asphaltic concrete paving and cement concrete curbs and gutters; together with storm drainage; creating L I D 4570. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15417. L. I. D. 5250.

Providing for construction of an 8-inch cast iron water main in Frace Avenue from North 38th Street to North 46th Street and a 6-inch cast iron water main in North 43rd Street from Lexington Street to Frace Avenue; creating L. I. D. 5250. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15418. L. I. D. 5254.

Providing for construction of 6-inch cast iron water main in Orchard Street, from North 21st Street to North 25th Street and in North 22nd Street from Orchard Street to Huson Street; creating L. I. D. 5254. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15419. L. I. D. 5193.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L. I. D. 5193. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15420. L. I. D. 5241.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of the improvement in L. I. D. 5241. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

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

Ordinance No. 15421. L. I. D. 5242.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for cost of the improvement in L. I. D. 5242. Read by title. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed seconded by Dr. Humiston.

without having been read in full. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.


It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 7, pertaining to filing of new matter for Council's consideration, in order to pass Ordinance No. 15424, which the City Manager desired to have passed at tonight's meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15424.

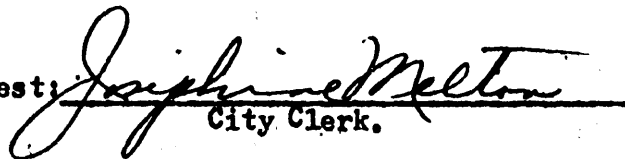
Amending Section 28 of Ordinance No. 15106 entitled: "An ordinance adopting the pay or compensation plan as contemplated by Section 6.9 of the City Charter; prescribing the salaries to be paid to nonelective officers and employees of the City; establishing the positions of the various departments of the City government, etc." and declaring an emergency requiring the immediate passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately after publication. (Principal Planner in City Planning Department.) Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. Mr. Backstrom explained that this ordinance is necessary to correct a situation in the City Planning Department, where he has not been satisfied with operations for the past two years. Due to conditions existing, there has been continual friction in the Department and two or three members of the present staff have threatened to resign, and for this reason it is necessary that action be taken, he said. Any reorganization must start at the top and as Mr. Wilcox, the present head of the Department, has a Civil Service rating as "Principal Planner", this amendment is to include this classification in the Compensation Plan, in order to permit Mr. Wilcox to step down and still continue in the City Service. Mr. Backstrom said he has given Mr. Wilcox every opportunity to make good, and has aided him by the hiring of sufficient personnel from time to time, but no improvement in operation has been accomplished. He plans to appoint a temporary Chief Planner to head up the Department until he can determine what is wrong, he added. The contemplated change was taken up with the members of the Planning Dept. at a meeting attended by five out of eight members, and the consensus was that a change was necessary in order to promote harmony within the Department and with other City departments. Mr. Stojack, who is the City Council's representative on the Planning Commission, defended Mr. Wilcox, saying he has always attempted to present the views of the Planning Commission to Mr. Backstrom, that he has worked long hours and that he is not a "yes man". He alleged that Mr. Wilcox has never had full control of the department, and that the help has for the most part been in-experienced men just out of college, whom Mr. Wilcox has been endeavoring to teach the work. Dr. Humiston called Council's attention to the fact that the question before the Council is not the firing of Mr. Wilcox but whether or not to amend the Compensation Plan to provide a classification of "principal planner" to allow Mr. Wilcox to retain his Civil Service status and give him a position with the City. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance, without same having been read in full, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson. Nays 2; Jensen, not voting, and Stojack, not voting. Absent 0.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council recessed at 10:15 P.M.



 President of City Council.

Attest: 

 City Clerk.