

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, April 15, 1957

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5; Goering Humiston, Jensen, Perdue and Mayor Anderson. Mr. Bratrud taking his seat at 7:35 P. M., Mr. Stojack at 7:40 P. M., and Mr. Tollefson at 7:50 P. M. Absent 1, Battin.

It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilmember, be approved and the reading thereof dispensed with. Motion carried, Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4, Battin, Bratrud, Stojack and Tollefson.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14965:

L I D 5277:

By Goering:

Fixing May 6, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 5277 - cast iron water main in South 72nd Street from Sheridan Avenue to Alaska Street, in Alaska Street from South 72nd Street to So. 74th St., in So. 74th St. from Alaska St. to Asotin Street and in Asotin Street from the north line of Victory Addition to South 76th Street.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4, Battin, Bratrud, Stojack and Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14966:

L I D 5286:

By Humiston:

Fixing May 7, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 5286 - watermains in So. 68th St. from Fawcett Avenue to Tacoma Avenue and in Tacoma Avenue from south line of Peters Second Addition to South 72nd Street

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4, Battin, Bratrud, Stojack and Tollefson

Resolution No. 14967:

By Bratrud:

Authorizing sale by Dept. of Public Utilities of 3200 pounds of scrap brass for \$761.60, and 400 pounds of scrap aluminum for \$4.00 to Ball Brass Company.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Bratrud, Stojack and Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14968:

By Jensen:

Awarding contract for L I D No. 4608 for cement concrete pavement on North 8th Street, North 10th Street, North 11th Street, North 14th Street and on North Monroe Street to George Madsen Company on their low bid of \$85,845.78.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Battin,  
Stojack and Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14969:

By Jensen:

Awarding contract for L I D 4609 for cement concrete pavement on alley between North 28th and North 29th Streets from Cedar to Junett Streets, to Concrete Construction Co. on their low bid of \$3,039.25.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Battin,  
Stojack and Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14970:

By Goering:

Awarding contract for L I D 4616, cement concrete pavement on alley between Puget Sound and Union Avenues from North 18th Street to North 19th Street, to George Madsen Co. on their low bid of \$2,052.26.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Battin,  
Stojack and Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14971:

By Goering:

Awarding contract for L I D 4579 for cement concrete pavement on Chandler Street from South Tacoma Way to Center Street, to George Madsen and Company on their low bid of \$14,972.94.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14972:

By Tollefson:

Authorizing execution of a revocable permit to International Woodworkers

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of America, the sponsor of Sea Scout Troop No. 110, covering City owned property on the Tideflats to be used for moorage of their boat "C. N. Curtiss". It was suggested by Mr. Rowlands, that Section 2 of the Permit be amended, increasing the amount of insurance coverage to \$100,000 for any personal injury to any one person, and \$300,000 for injury for one or more persons in any one accident, and property damage to \$10,000. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to change "No. 2", ~~was 2 & 3~~ of the Permit to read as follows: "\$100,000 for any personal injury to any one person, \$300,000.00 for injury to one or more persons in any one accident and \$10,000.00 property damage Motion carried unanimously. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson

Resolution No. 14973:

By Tollefson:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to execute a quit claim deed to the State of Washington on the payment from the State of Washington to the City of Tacoma of \$952.00 (for property for State Highway Freeway through the City of Tacoma, located at South 84th and Sprague Streets). City Manager Rowlands explained that in his opinion this was a reasonable settlement, and, the fee will also take care of moving the fence. Mr. Staman explained that the 45 foot strip will not cut access to the gravel pit.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson

Resolution No. 14974:

By Stojack:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to execute a quit claim deed to the State of Washington on payment from the State to the City of \$50.00 (for property for State Highway Freeway through the City, located at South 74th and Sprague Streets). Mr. Staman explained that this property is located at the east end of the old gravel pit, and that the \$50.00 fee would take care of the processing of the proper easements.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Tollefson.

Resolution No. 14963: (Continued to this date from April 8th, 1957)

By Jensen:

Appropriating \$2,000 from Cumulative Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation, for purpose of retaining Harry Blangy, of the firm of Comfort, Davis and Blangy, to make a complete and comprehensive survey appraisal and analysis of all City-owned property being leased to third parties, from which the City of Tacoma might obtain valuable information in order to more favorably negotiate for the renting or leasing of said real property. Mr. Rowlands presented

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Council members with a copy of a letter dated April 12th, from David C. Steel, Chairman of the Appraisal Committee of the Tacoma Real Estate Board. Mr. Rowlands explained that the letter was self-explanatory.

Mr. Steel stated in his letter that appraisal fees should be charged on a per diem basis and not upon the amount of value found, and that the present rate for a qualified appraiser is \$100.00 per day. He also quoted in his letter that Mr. Blangy's proposed fee of \$2,000 is reasonable for the appraisal of 26 or 27 parcels of property along Dock Street that is owned by the City.

Adopted on roll call April 15, 1957.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15849:

Establishing the official name of the Belt Line Division of the Department of Public Utilities as "Tacoma Municipal Belt Line Railway". Read by title and placed in order of final reading. 230

Ordinance No. 15850:

Providing for making of certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the electric generating plant and system and electric power and light transmission and distribution system of the City of Tacoma; providing for the issuance and sale of special obligation utility bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 to be known as the Light and Power Bonds of 1957. Read by title. 231

Mr. Barline explained that reasons for the necessity of the \$5,000,000 were funds which will be needed for the General Fund of the Light Division for upkeep and replacement and extension of the City's distribution system. Mr. Barline said that the City Light must spend about \$5,000,000 a year to keep up with its 10 per cent load growth. He added this \$5,000,000 should last about three years, since about three-fifths of the expenses are handled from current revenues. Mr. Barline explained that none of this will be spent for the Cowlitz Dam.

Mr. Tollefson said that if the replacement extension expenses were a predictable \$5,000,000 a year, he then asked "Why should we not adjust our rates and take care of it on a pay-as-you-go basis to save all this interest rate for the City?" Mr. Barline said that Forde, Bacon and Davis, consultants have recommended a 4 or 5 per cent increase, and he feels that the City should have additional revenue of \$500,000 per year on the basis of present loads.

Dr. Humiston pointed out that the recent Management Survey of McKenzie and Co. for the Utilities Department recommended that all City Light expenses, other than major generation projects, be handled out of current revenues. Dr. Humiston said he would like to know if they wouldn't be doing the citizens a real service by raising their rates and eliminating this yearly borrowing. Mr. Barline pointed out that the City Light's costs, particularly the wages and materials are going up each year, and said a rate increase would be justified. He said, however, that the City Light still would need the Bond issue to expand its substation-facilities to enable Tacoma to receive enough power to fulfill its needs. About \$3,500,000 must be committed, if not spent, in the next year and a half, he said. Mr. Barline said they are planning to use \$2,250,000 for new installations for the tide flats substation, \$1,175,000 for a new substation in the South end of the City, \$132,000 for additional facilities at 84th and Arkley Rd., \$250,000 for building the Seattle tie-in line, \$1,193,000 for miscellaneous transmission distribution lines and substations. He explained that the City Light Department wants to get the bond issue sold before a \$225,000,000 Public Utility District issue for the Rocky Reach Dam hits the market in June

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Dr. Humiston asked that before they pass the Ordinance, Mr. Barline furnish the Council with answers to the following questions submitted by Council members:

- 1) How much of an increase will be necessary to avoid issuing bonds for the normal annual replacement and extension program?
- 2) Provide a breakdown on what type of an increase would occur on the bi-monthly bills.
- 3) Can we raise rates to the Mutuals who are buying electricity from Tacoma?
- 4) What are the Mutuals in adjacent areas charging their customers for electrical energy.
- 5) Ratio of net and gross income against Capital Investments for the past 20 years.
- 6) Ratio of bonded indebtedness to Capital Outlay
- 7) Would selling \$5,000,000 in bonds require a rate increase to pay principal and interest on these bonds?

It was requested that these be prepared for distribution with the Agenda. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15851:

Creating in the Treasury of the City of Tacoma a special fund to be known as the Light and Power Construction Fund of 1957; specifying the purpose for which said fund is created; providing for the deposit therein of the proceeds for the sale of the \$5,000,000 issue of Light and Power Bonds of 1957; moneys advanced from current funds, etc. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15852:

Relating to horses and other large animals, declaring the keeping thereof in certain places and other certain conditions to be unlawful and a public nuisance; and providing penalties for the violation hereof. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15844:

Vacating a portion of South 7th Street from Ainsworth Avenue to Grant Avenue and the alley between Ainsworth Avenue and Grant Avenue from a point 75 feet south of South 7th Street; and retaining and reserving easements therein for the construction, repair and maintenance of public utilities and services. (Petition of Tacoma School District No. 10 - (1-13-55) Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0, Battin.

Ordinance No. 15845:

Vacating certain plats described as follows: Reuter's First Tideland Addition; Chicago, Milwaukee Addition; Chicago, Milwaukee Second Addition; Prichard's 2nd Addition Mrs. Lawler's Tideland Addition; together with all streets, alleys and public ways therein, save except Milwaukee Way. (Petition of Port of Tacoma 3-4-57). Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

Ordinance No. 15846:

Vacating that portion of the alley between Waterview and Forest

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from North 42nd Street to McIntosh Street. (Petition of Helen Hepp, et al 12-27-56)  
Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

Ordinance No. 15847:

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Vacating that portion of South Tacoma Way between South Prospect Street and the alley west of South Prospect Street more fully described herein. (Petition of Tacoma Milk Producer's Association 12-31-56) Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

Ordinance No. 15848:

Amending Ordinance No. 14887 - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE - by amending Sections 15, 23, 24 and 29 thereof, and repealing Section 21, as amended by Ordinance No. 15020. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of L I D 4563 - for concrete paving on various streets in the area bounded by North Anderson Street, North Alder Street, North 9th Street and North 15th Street. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Perdue that May 21st, 1957 be set as the date for hearing thereon. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

City Manager Rowlands explained that no discussion will be held on the report of the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society, which was placed on the Agenda for tonight's meeting, as Mrs. Stacy asked to have the matter postponed until next week as she would be unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Rowlands explained to Council that the L I D for resurfacing M Street was abandoned on April 2nd, due to a 60% remonstrance. He asked Council if the funds that were appropriated for the resurfacing of M Street could be used for other improvements and be transferred to the "City L I D Participation". The Council was in favor of this transfer.

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

- 1) Department of Public Utilities - report of Light Division for January, 1957
- 2) Department of Public Utilities - report of Water Division for February, 1957
- 3) Department of Public Utilities - report of Belt Line Division for February, 1957.
- 4) Police Department - record of cases in Municipal Court during March, 1957.
- 5) Police Department - monthly report for March, 1957
- 6) Director of Finance - report for the month of March, 1957.

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x A copy of MC-130 was distributed to the Council members for their consideration, covering the subject of Downtown Parking and Traffic. Mr. Rowlands commented on the communication and said that he felt this report is sound, and will take care of truck loading and discourage the feeding of meters.

x City Manager Rowlands explained that he had received a reply from the Pollution Control Commission, in reference to the killing of fish in local waters. They attributed this killing, he said, to organic deposits in the water. The Pollution Control Commission further pointed out that in recent tests made near Olympia, it may take two or three years, even with sewage disposal plants, to properly take care of the wastes.

x A letter was read by the City Clerk from the Pollution Control Commission in reference to L I D 1921 for Sanitary Sewers in the area of Cleveland W Canal Street, St. Paul Avenue, East 11th Street, East 15th Street and East J Street. in which they state that it is hoped that favorable consideration will be given to the project so that construction can be initiated at an early date.

x Mr. Rowlands reported that the synchronization of the traffic light system on South Tacoma Way will be revised to do away with objections. This will be taken care of in May. Mr. Staman said the messenger cable has been ordered and, as soon as it arrives, they can proceed with the work.

x Mr. Tollefson explained that the Association of Washington Cities are having an Executive meeting in Seattle and would like to know if the Council would like to present anything in the way of a statement of policy, or subjects for the agenda of the Association Meeting. Mayor Anderson asked the Council members to contact the Manager if they had any comments.

x Mr. Otto Dunayski was present, requesting permission to ask questions of Mr. Barline, Utilities Director. Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Dunayski if he would submit them in written form so that Mr. Barline could answer these questions in written form. Mr. Dunayski said that he would do this.

x Mr. D. H. Ketler of the Municipal Civil Service League explained that he had an unusual situation to present to Council.

He said that Ed Huble, an employee of the city, had a permanent position and was laid off. Later he accepted temporary work as a painter in the Water Department. In August of 1954, Mr. Huble was injured in a fall and was off for some time. During this period he lost his rights under the Civil Service Rules to be re-instated. He asked Council to look into the matter to see if they could make some provision to return Mr. Huble to work. Mr. Rowlands said he would like to get a report from the Personnel Department before he makes any comment.

x Mr. L. R. Bonneville, Jr. of the Municipal League of Tacoma reported to Council that they have made a survey regarding the desire of the public for revision, change or amendments in the present form of Government. This was prepared by a Municipal League Committee, consisting of James Mocerri, William Johnston and himself, he explained. Approximately 2300 of these questionnaires were distributed to members of various groups and organizations. Almost 20% of the questionnaires distributed were answered and returned by mail and approximately 2/3 of those responding to the survey indicated that they were in favor of the present

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Council-Manager form of Government. Approximately 6% wanted a complete revision of the form of Government. Dr. Tudor reported on the breakdown of the answers given to the various questions presented in the survey.

at 10:04 P. M.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned

John H. Anderson  
President of City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton  
City Clerk