

Council Chamber 7:30 P.M.

Monday, April 21, 1958

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5; Battin, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Mayor Anderson. Absent 3; Bratrud, Stojack, Tollefson. Bratrud, Stojack and Tollefson arrived at 7:35 P.M.

Moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Dr. Humiston to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and the reading thereof dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call; Ayes 5, Nays 0; Absent 3, Bratrud, Stojack and Tollefson

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 15306:LID 2287By PERDUE:

Fixing Tuesday, ~~June 27~~, 1958 as the date for hearing on LID 2287 gravel and oil mat surface on So. Bell Street from 52nd Street to 56th St.

Mr. Rowlands said that the property owners in this area have requested as early a hearing date as possible and would like to have this date set up to May 20th if it is agreeable with the Council.

Dr. Humiston then moved that the hearing date be set for May 20, 1958. Seconded by Dr. Battin.

Mr. Rowlands said he understood that the Council had a policy on the LID Committee hearings that they like to keep the number on any hearings to around six. Normally, he said, the assessment roll hearings do not take much time unless there is controversial issues involved in the assessment. He said it would be advantageous to move these hearings along as quickly as possible from the standpoint of having them prepared for the roll, and asked the Council if they had any objection to increasing the number of hearings to eight or nine if necessary. It was agreeable with the Council that the LID's be processed as soon as possible.

Adopted on roll call April 21, 1958.
Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 3, Bratrud, Stojack, Tollefson

Resolution No. 15307:By BATTIN:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to purchase three Motorola T-33-1 solo cycle units for use in the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00.

Mr. Rowlands said there has been accidents where several motorcycles have been severely damaged which included the radio sets. He said they do have the authority to appropriate money from the Cumulative Reserve Fund. The settlement was effected in the amount of \$400 for the replacement of radios and on the new radios they are getting a trade-in of \$150 for each. The settlement for the 3rd motorcycle has not been resolved as yet, he added.

Adopted on roll call April 21, 1958
Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15308:ANDERSON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to the State of Washington an appropriate deed for the sale of property located East of South 52nd Street to the said State of Washington, for the sum of \$625.00.

Adopted on roll call April 21, 1958
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15309:JENSEN:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute an easement across certain property used as a gravel pit at South 80th Street and the Future Freeway, to Puget Sound Power and Light Company.

Adopted on roll call April 21, 1958
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16092:

Amending Section 11. 20.010 of the Official Code by adding thereto certain designated streets in the City as one-way streets.

Mr. Rowlands said there are three alleys involved in this Ordinance, the reasons were that the narrow roadway made congestions on a two way traffic. They also recommended that Minneapolis St. St. Paul Ave. to East 11th be one way westbound; occasioned by the channelization of east 11th and St. Paul Ave. then to So. 10th St. Yakima Ave. to alley east, westbound only involving the vacated G St. and 10th Sts on the side of the New County City Building. This will be a temporary one way street, he added. The Ordinance was read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16077: Postponed to this date from April 14, 1958

Amending Chapter 6.70 of the Official Code of the City of Tacoma, relating to the Utilities Gross Earnings Tax.

Mr. Rowlands said MR 190 was distributed to the Council Members over the weekend which included additional information for Council's review and consideration. He said he talked to Mr. Barline early last week and expected to get together with him Wednesday, but he was out of the City and he has not had an opportunity to review this with the Utility Board. Mr. Barline also indicated that he was going on a vacation, therefore it will be about three weeks before the Utility Board will have an opportunity to review this in its entirety.

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Dr. Humiston said that the Council should not act on this until the Utility Board has had an opportunity to review the information.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston that the Ordinance be postponed until May 19th. Seconded by Mr. Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 16078:

Amending the Official Code of the City of Tacoma by adding 5 new sections designated as Sections 1.12.650, 1.12.660, 1.12.670, 1.12.680 and 1.12.690, pertaining to a suggestion award program for General Government employees.

Mr. Rowlands said that some of the staff have been working with the staff in the Utilities Department during the last week and feel that there is an Ordinance that is now being prepared which will be accepted by both the Board and the Council. Mr. Rowlands said he hoped that this could be resolved before Mr. Barline leaves for his vacation so it can come up next Monday.

Dr. Humiston then moved to postpone this Ordinance for one week. Seconded by Mr. Stojack.

Ordinance No. 16086:

Amending Section 12.06.470 of the Official Code of the City of Tacoma relating to zoning.

Mr. Garen a member of the Planning Commission, said that data from the Planning Commission had been sent out to the Council members regarding the background information on Rezoning Petitions and Procedures. He said it covers some of the experiences of the Board of Adjustment as well as the experiences of the City of San Francisco which has had this procedure for the last 15 years, and also the City of Miami which has essentially this method and which is somewhat different than what the City of Tacoma has. The other cities that have recently adopted it are Seattle and Denver. We feel that the best recommendation however, is our own experience here, that has worked out very well, he added.

Mr. Rowlands said the City of San Francisco has been following this procedure since 1921 and it was his understanding that a new Ordinance is being prepared to incorporate this same feature.

Mr. Bushler said he had talked with the zoning Administrator in San Francisco and that they were also incorporating this same feature in their Ordinance. He said that the only trouble they have had in San Francisco was because of the foreign born element not registering their land transfers in China Town etc., where they could not correctly get the names of the people.

Mr. Rowlands said that he had this experience personally in two other cities and they had followed this procedure almost as outlined and it was used by the Board of Adjustments and for zoning changes.

Mr. Garen advised that this is only one of the three ways that the Zoning Ordinance can be amended: (1) by Council action, (2) by the Planning Commission, (3) by an Ordinance.

Roll call Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16087:

Vacating Woodlawn Street from South 9th Street to South 10th Street, the alley in block 20 of Woodlawn Addition and the alley in block 19 of Woodlawn Addition from South 10th Street to Bantz Boulevard.

Roll call Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16088: X

LID 5277

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 5277 - Watermains in South 72nd Street from Sheridan to Alaska, in Alaska from 72nd to 74th; in So. 74th from Alaska to Asotin; in Asotin from the north line of Victory Addition to South 74th Street.

Roll call; Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16089: X

LID 5286

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 5286 - watermains in South 68th Street from Fawcett Avenue to Tacoma Avenue; in Tacoma Avenue from the south line of Peter's Secmd Addition to South 72nd Street.

Roll call; Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16090: X

LID 5288

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 5288 - watermains in East 68th Street from East B to East E.

Roll call; Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16091 X

LID 5291

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 5291 - watermains in View Ridge Drive from Frace Avenue to Whitman Street; in North 42nd Street from Frace Avenue to Whitman; in Frace Avenue from North 38th Street to View Ridge Drive and in View Ridge Drive from Frace Avenue to a point 180 feet westerly of the west line of Frace Avenue; in Whitman Street from View Ridge Drive to North 42nd Street.

Roll call; Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Letter from the Tacoma Bar Association regarding their position concerning "suspended sentences" in the Disorderly Persons Ordinance (No. 16059). X

Mr. McCormick advised that his office was preparing an Ordinance to be presented to Council next meeting amending the Ordinances to conform to the recommendation of the Tacoma Bar Association, which will mean that no suspension of a sentence can be revoked and no offender can be ordered to serve time after the period of the maximum penalty under the original offense has elapsed.

Tacoma City Planning Commission: Submitting report on "Small Boat Launching Facilities." 57

Mr. Rowlands said that the Planning Commission has prepared in some detail information in reference to a communication from Ralph Bogan, Chairman of the Boat Launching site committee of the Tacoma Poogie Club and Heidelberg Boat Club in obtaining a site for Boat Launching purposes.

Mr. Buehler pointed out on the map property which is owned by the Park District, City and State along the waterfront. He advised that in 1952 the Planning Commission proposed the development of a small boat harbor at Titlow Beach Park with the possible filling in of the Old Lagoon for a parking space. A break-water would have to be built, but would be a difficult proposition on account of the open water and wave action, he added. He explained that the launching sites at Pt. Defiance Park are not altogether satisfactory inasmuch as the launching site at the picnic area is adjacent to the swimming beach and provides a potential danger to the swimmers, also the new launching site adjacent to the Ferry Landing might become dangerous because of the larger boats passing to the Yacht Club Basin and the Vashon Island Ferry. There is a lack of adequate parking at both of these Pt. Defiance sites, he said.

Mr. Rowlands advised that the private organizations, the Poggie and Heidelberg Clubs, are negotiating for a potential site at the Oerlickon property.

Dr. Humiston asked Mr. McCormick if it were possible to lease the end of a dedicated street for this purpose, even if it is under water.

Mr. McCormick advised it would not be possible, but that there was an exception under the powers of a second and third class City where under certain conditions with the unanimous approval of the abutting property owners, you can lease. Under the State Laws a first class city has all the powers of second or third class City's and possibly this might be done. However, he said, there were so many restrictions that it is questionable whether it would be feasible or not. This piece of property that the City has title to adjacent to the old town Dock was received by the City in trade for the vacation of the dedicated street.

Dr. Humiston asked if this were actually a dedicated street or, "do we have title to the property."

Mr. McCormick said he had not examined the deed but believed it was given to the City for street purposes only.

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. McCormick to check on the deed conveying property to the Oerlikon Co., in exchange for the vacation of Starr Street to ascertain whether or not there were any restrictions in the deed limiting the use of the property for street purposes only, and that the report be submitted to council with their agenda next week.

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

- + Tacoma Police Report - Monthly Report for March, 1958 - Traffic Division.
- + Summary of Tacoma Police - March, 1958 Monthly Report
- + Monthly Report for March, 1958 for Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Alarm and Radio.

Mr. Rowlands advised he would like to bring to Council's attention, the possible changes in the administration of the Business & Occupation Tax. He said Clar Gaisford, Director of Finance, and Dave McLenan have reviewed some of the important points. One of the items was the question of Small Loan Companies, Hospital, Hotels, Consumers Central Heating Co., and General Electric Credit Corporation. A few months ago it was brought up that General Motors Acceptance Corporation is paying one-quarter of 1 percent tax and has been paying this for several years, under this revised B&O Tax Ordinance they felt that all small loan companies should come under that category.

Mayor Anderson said he thought a date should be set for hearing to permit the business firms, not previously taxed under the B&O Ordinance to be heard, before imposing this tax

Mr. Rowlands said when notices are sent out to these loan companys whom they think are in the same category as the G.M.A.C., and subject to the tax, they will be notified at that time, of a hearing.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston that a hearing be held on May 5th at 7:30 A.M. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Mr. Rowlands said he would send out an MC to the members of the City Council prior to May 5th meeting, outlining the facts involved extending the new ordinance to businesses not previously taxed.

A communication was received from Robert A. Jacques asking about projects in the area of Union Avenue and North 26 and 30th Streets which were included in the 1954 bond project program providing for the installation of street lighting which have not yet been completed.

Mr. Rowlands said during the preparation of the 1954 bond project program certain sections of Union Ave. from No. 18th to No. 30th Streets were included in the street lighting program, and wanted to report to Council that the work in that section is contemplated within the next two months and all of the 1954 projects will be completed this year. "As soon as some of the final reports are received from the Utility Department," he said he would give Council a report on how much of a balance there is on those funds. He said he wanted Mr. Jacques to know that this area was in the program and will be taken care of this summer. X

Mr. Rowlands said a short movie will be shown after the meeting by representatives for the distributors for the rubber esclators which are being used in the various communities particularly in the airports and railroad stations. He said he would like to Council to see this picture which will take about 25 minutes. He said he would like to report that the Chamber of Commerce Committee on the parking program had a meeting and they have been particularly concerned about interviewing several nationwide firms of traffic and architects in the field of engineers on parking and ramp structures. He advised that they would like to underwrite the cost of such a study as, Council knows the property owners are businessmen, in the central business district, who plan to build the parking area with private funds and eventually will synchronize their program with the City in connection with the pedestrian way. X

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Rowlands if he had met with any of the members of the Library Board in regard to the joint use of the proposed new library building on So. 56th & Puget Sound Avenue. 168

Mr. Rowlands said that he had planned to report on this matter next week.

Mayor Anderson said he had a letter from Dan W. Thorpe, of the Council for Greater Tacoma, who asked Council to do everything possible to make sure that every consideration is taken before the building is constructed. X

Mr. Rowlands said they expect to replace the So. Tacoma Branch Library in essentially the same location as it is now. The Board would like to acquire at least one more lot for off street parking. There has been discussions with the Fire Chief to resolve a joint use of the new library by having use of the Fire Station and the library together if the City can receive enough money for the sale of the station. Mr. Rowlands said he will prepare some information as far as values, purchase price, and other items of that nature and submit a report to Council by next Friday.

Mr. Rodney Newhirter was present and asked permission to relate to Council information in addition to the letter which was sent out in the Council's Second agenda. 1

Mayor Anderson asked that he file the information with the Clerk who will present it for study.

Mr. Newhirter advised he could not file it as it was personal property.

He was then asked to talk with Mr. Rowlands who will report back to Council.

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Mayor Anderson asked if there was anything Council wished to do in regards to filling the position of Council that was formerly held by Mr. Jensen and advised that he has requested the Attorney to bring in a Resolution to appoint Benjamin Hanson to this post as he received the highest number of votes at the recent Council election.

Mr. Andrew Berg, who owns a business establishment at 1306 Commerce Street, asked Mayor Anderson to have a letter, presented by him, read before Council.

Mr. Berg's letter complained of the unlawful use by the Greyhound Bus Co. of using "A" Street for permanent all day, every-day and all-night parking. He states they use 14 meters which are not bringing any revenue in for the City and which should be available for the tourist and shopping trade. He said they are also parked in the fire lane between 14th and 15th behind the bus depot, where he stopped one day to pick up a package at the bus depot, and was immediately given a ticket, yet he said, the busses are not bothered in any way.

Mr. Berg asked that this matter be checked and rectified immediately.

Mr. Rowlands advised he had discussed this matter with Mr. Berg several times lately and added that they Greyhound parking situation has been going on for some time. He said you have to consider the busses as we do our own local Transit Co. and provide places for them to park between runs etc., and that a lot of this difficulty will be rectified when the new bus terminal is completed.

Mr. Marvin Scott advised he had talked with the Manager, of the Greyhound Office who said they only have room for (4) busses at one time in the terminal. The extra busses coming in at night from Seattle must be held over until the following morning to take the passengers back to Seattle. He said he asked the Greyhound Co. to remove the busses from the Fire Zone. He stated they are moving the busses as rapidly as possible and are trying to get the streets cleared by 9:00 A.M. This is a situation that has been going on for a number of years because of the limited facilities, he added.

Mr. Rowlands advised that until the Terminal is completed we should afford them some sort of relief possibly in the form of "hoods" over the meters if they cannot get the busses off the streets in the interim. Mr. Rowlands stated that they would try to work something out with the Greyhound Co. this week and report to Council next week.

Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Marvin Scott, who is in charge of the meter maids to give a short report on their progress to date.

Mr. Scott said one of the purposes of the meter maids, along with enforcement was to attempt to stop chain parking on the streets. He said he instructed the meter maids that when they found a situation in chain parking, they should notify the person that they are going to enforce the law, and then we do enforce it, he said. There have been a few cases below 13th St. where they have not been enforcing it too strictly because of the difficulty of "following the chalk marks up the street", but they have been gradually checking down on it. Mr. Scott said there has been a gradual decrease in chain parking.

Council then adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Attest:

Josephine Nelson
City Clerk

John A. Anderson
Vice President of the City Council