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COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 7:48 P.M.
Tuesday June 1, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack and Tollefsen. Absent 1. Humiston, taking his seat at 7:50 P. M.

It was moved by Mr. Jensen that the minutes of the previous meeting copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Citizens for Greater Pierce County, setting forth in detail 11 reasons why they have protested the present site selection for the County City building; and stating that the marvelous 38th St. site still is available at nominal cost, and is ready for immediate building with adequate room for any type of structure or structures suitable for both City and County, ample room for inexpensive parking and easily accessible to all taxpayers; and urging that this site be acquired and work started on the building. Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13925.

BY HOOKER:

Rejecting all bids received for the construction of storm, trunk and lateral sewers in Thorne Road and vicinity, constituting Local Improvement District No. 1924 on May 17, 1954, in the best interests of the City an authorizing the Board of Contracts and awards to readvertise for bids for said project. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Col. Hooker to postpone action on Resolution 13925 until June 7, 1954. Carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0. Absent 0. 252

Resolution No. 13926.

BY PERDUE: L. I. D. 4530

Stating intention of Council to order grading to established subgrade and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock base, with a 3" asphaltic concrete pavement on Birmingham St. from So. 56th St. to So. 58th St. 259

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack to suspend rule 9 of Council Rules, and carried unanimously on voice vote. Roll was then called on the adoption of the resolution, without its having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0. Absent 0.

Resolution No. 13921.

BY BRATRUD: (laid over to this date on May 24, 1954.)

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Approving recommendation of the Dept. of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract for supplying 3800 gallons of White Traffic Paint and Beads, pre-mixed, to Charles R. Watts & Co., upon its bid of \$3.80 per gallon, totalling \$14,440.00.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1954.
Ayes 6; Nays 3; Absent 0.

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Resolution No. 13924.

BY MOERER: (Laid over to this date on May 24, 1954.)

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver to the U. S. of America an agreement amending lease for certain moorage rights at the Municipal Dock to provide for the including of space in the Municipal Dock Building, (pursuant to Resolution No. 13130).

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1954.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15035.

L I D 5159— for cast iron Water Mains.

Providing for the construction of cast iron watermains in the area between South 28th St. and So. 36th St. from Mason Avenue to Lawrence St. (Oakland and Hillcrest Districts) creating Local Improvement District No. 5159. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15027.

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to execute and deliver, as lessee, a lease from the Northern Pacific Railway Co., of a certain parcel of land situated at the extension of East 9th St. easterly to the edge of the bluff, for the purpose of maintaining a totem pole and park thereon. Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15028.

Amending Ordinance No. 14887, entitled: Administrative Code, by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 4 A. (Authorizing senior available Administrative Assistant to the City Manager to serve as acting City Manager in the absence of the City Manager. Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15030.

Amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 5763 entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the use of automobiles owned by the City of Tacoma, and providing a penalty for the violation hereof." (Marking of City vehicles). Read in full and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15031.

Vacating the streets and alleys and portions thereof described as follows: So. 42nd St. from Tacoma and Lake City right of way to the easterly line of Clement's Second Add. except the 60 feet included therein for Madison St., So. Tyler St. from the north line of So. 42nd St. to 125 feet north; Monroe St. and the alleys between Tyler and Monroe Sts., and Monroe and Madison Sts., each from So. 42nd St. to So. 40th St., retaining and reserving to the City of Tacoma certain easements. Mr. Boyle, City Attorney requested that this ordinance be postponed for one week, until June 7, 1954. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to postpone action on Ordinance

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15031 for one week to June 7, 1954. Carried unanimously on voice vote.

Ordinance No. 15032.

Declaring the abandonment of any rights and privileges the City of Tacoma may have by virtue of an easement for sewer purposes acquired by the City of Tacoma in Condemnation proceedings in the case of Tacoma vs. American Wood Pipe Co., etal Pierce County Superior Court file No. 62465, over land situate northwest of Pine St. between So. Tacoma Way and Center Street and authorizing the proper officers of the City to deliver to the record owner or owners of the premises abutting said easement a declaration of abandonment thereof. Read by title. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Stojack to suspend rule 9 of the Council rules, and carried unanimously on voice vote. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 15033.

L I D No. 2070- gravel crushed rock oil mat surface.

Providing for the improvement of Country Club Drive from No. 13th St. to Lenore Drive also Lenore Drive from No. 13th St. to No. 17th St., also No. 17th St., from Skyline Drive to Mildred St., by grading and placing thereon a gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface, and storm drainage; creating L I D 2070. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen to suspend rule 9 of the Council rules, and carried unanimously on voice vote. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 15034.

L I D No. 2186- gravel and crushed rock oil mat surface.

Providing for improvement of South M. St. from So. 64th St. to South 68th St. by grading and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock oil mat surface; creating L I D No. 2186. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack to suspend rule 9 of the Council rules, and carried unanimously on voice vote. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fluoridation of the City's Water Supply which was tabled until this date by Council action on January 18, 1954 was brought up at this time. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, Seconded by Dr. Battin to postpone indefinitely the subject of Fluoridation. Roll Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, second by Mr. Jensen to suspend Rule 7 (filing of new Matter) in order to consider Resolution No. 13927. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Resolution No. 13927.

Confirming the appointment of J. Elmer Alskog as a member of the City Planning Commission, for the term expiring June 30, 1955.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1954.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Resolution No. 13928.

Authorizing the City Manager to employ Robert Hillsbrough Price, Architect of the City of Tacoma to prepare plans and specifications to erect a new fire Station at So. 35th & Union Ave. to be paid from the Cumulative Reserve Fund-Capital Outlay.

Adopted on roll call June 1, 1954.

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom, City Manager reported that he had received a letter from Governor Langlie regarding the proposed Tacoma-Everett Toll Road. Governor Langlie asks the Council to make a determination as to whether the traffic conditions now existent within the corporate limits of the City of Tacoma to and through Seattle to Everett call for the construction of a toll facility of this type within a relatively short period of time, or whether these congested conditions shall be continued for a good many years unless relieved by construction of other facilities financed out of additional taxes.

Mr. Backstrom also reported that he had discussed the matter with the Traffic Engineer of the Public Works Department and they had drafted a reply to Governor Langlie which set forth several provisions which they thought should be considered they were: 1. The traffic survey should be a complete study of the Metropolitan Tacoma area; 2. Additional interchanges should be provided. Rights of way for interchanges should be acquired for future development; 3. All major access and utility relocation costs should be included in the toll road construction cost estimated; 4. Adequate grade separations should be provided so as not to divide the city into two sections. and 5. The number of toll collection barriers should be kept to a minimum within the City.

After a discussion of the letter, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that the Council authorize the City Manager to send the aforementioned letter to Governor Langlie. Carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Tollefson reported that he had received a letter from Allen Peyser, Chairman of the Committee for Natural Gas for the Northwest, who requested the City of Tacoma to support their program and to direct telegrams or letters to the Federal Power Commission, stating that we in the Northwest need, require and must have natural gas, and as promptly as possible.

The Council discussed the Natural Gas problem at length, and the motion was made by Dr. Battin, seconded by Dr. Humiston to authorize the City Manager to send a telegram to the Federal Power Commission, supporting the Natural Gas program. Carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of the City Council

Attest:

Josephine Melton
City Clerk