

MAY 28 1956

COUNCIL CHAMBER: 7:36 P.M.

Monday, May 28, 1956

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14660: L I D 4592. X

By Battin:

Fixing Tuesday, June 19, 1956 as the date for hearing on the proposed improvement of South L Street from South 70th Street to South 72nd Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel base and asphaltic concrete pavement with cement concrete curbs and gutters, also necessary storm drainage, and creating L I D 4592. 438

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14661:

By HOOKER:

Authorizing the City Attorney to compromise and make settlement of the claim of Steve Brown in the amount of \$550.00, and directing one-half payment from the proper funds of the Water Division, Department of Public Utilities, and one-half payment from the Sundry Injuries and Damages Fund.

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14662:

By STOJACK:

Accepting the plat of Miller's Skyline Terrace Third Addition to the City of Tacoma (located in the vicinity of No. 26th Street, Cushman Power Line and Narrows Drive.)

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14663:

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to purchase one paper cutter, with guard, for use by the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works, for cutting maps and specification prints, at a cost not in excess of \$85.00, and that sufficient funds be appropriated from Cumulative Reserve Fund - Capital Outlay for payment therefor.

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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Resolution No. 14664:

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to purchase one gasoline-powered concrete saw with self-propelling unit and electric starter for use in the Public Works Department, at a cost not in excess of \$1,600.00, and appropriating sufficient funds from Cumulative Reserve Fund - Capital Outlay, for payment therefor.

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14665:

By JENSEN:

Accepting the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards, and awarding contract for grading, asphalt paving, concrete curbs and gutters on East 50th Street from East B Street to approximately East D Street, constituting L I D 4567, to Woodworth and Co., on their low bid of \$6,718.55.

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14666:

By JENSEN:

Accepting the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract for grading, asphaltic paving, concrete curb and gutter on cut-over from South 11th Street and Sprague Avenue, to Woodworth & Co., Inc., on its low bid of \$16,460.56.

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14667:

By JENSEN:

Accepting the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for grading, widening, asphalt paving, concrete curb and gutter on South 19th Street from South K Street to Ainsworth Avenue, constituting Work Order No. 8068, to Woodworth & Co., Inc., on their low bid of \$29,903.35

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14668:

By BRATEUD:

Authorizing consent of the City to the Tacoma Transit Company to sell and dispose of motor buses Nos. 150, 152 and 161, upon such terms as it seems advisable and said motor buses, upon such disposition made thereof, shall be withdrawn as property leased under the Lease and Management Contract, and the proceeds from said sales shall belong to the owner-lessor, the Tacoma Transit Company.

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

It was moved by Dr. Battin, to suspend Rule 7 (relative to filing of new matter for Council's consideration) in order to take action on Resolutions, Numbers 14669 and 14670 which came in too late to be placed on the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Resolution No. 14669: L I D 2258

BY BATTIN:

Fixing Tuesday, June 19, 1956 as the date for hearing on the proposed improvement of South 70th Street from Sheridan to L Street (both sides); the west side of South M Street from South 70th Street to 300 feet North; and on the south side of South 68th Street from Sheridan Street to M Street, by the installation of concrete sidewalks, creating L I D 2258.

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14670:

BY HUMISTON:

Selecting and appointing David D. Rowlands as City Manager of the City of Tacoma, at the rate of \$16,800.00 per year, effective on or about July 1, 1956.

Adopted on roll call May 28, 1956
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15630:

To be known as the Driveway Control Ordinance, relating to and controlling the construction of proposed driveways and curbs, gutters, and sidewalks adjacent thereto; defining the duties of the Director of Public Works; providing penalties for the violation thereof; and amending Section 4 of Ordinance No. 14734. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15625: L I D 1959

Providing for the construction of sewers along the lines described as follows: starting at the existing manhole near So. 19th Street, and Prospect Street, thence East along South 19th Street approximately 615 feet; creating L I D 1959. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15626: L I D 2247

Providing for the improvement of Mason Avenue from South 9th Street to South 8th Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock oil mat, creating L I D 2247. Read by title and passed.

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

At this time, Mr. Jensen raised the question as to how the bids are awarded on the asphaltic paving jobs in the City. He stated that he had seen many Ordinances pass providing for the improvements, but that he had not seen any Resolutions pass awarding a contract for the work to be done.

Col. Hooker stated that he, too, had been wondering about this same item, and therefore, he requested that Mr. Boyle ask for a report from the Public Works Department as to how these bids are awarded, and submit said report for Council's information next week.

Ordinance No. 15627: L I D 2250

Providing for the improvement of North Highland and Winnifred Streets from North 30th Street to the North line of Nelson's Second Addition, and North 30th Street from Highland Street to Shirley Street, by grading and placing thereon an oil mat surface, creating L I D 2250. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15628: L I D 4602

^{48:23} Providing for the improvement of Center Street from South 27th Street to South I Street, Tacoma Avenue from South 27th Street to Center Street, South 17th Street and South 19th Street from Fawcett Avenue to Tacoma Avenue, by resurfacing with asphaltic concrete; creating L I D 4602: Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15629:

^{48:6} Repealing Ordinance No. 15259 (vacation of Morrison Street from Waterview to North Mason Avenue and the alley extending from Morrison Street to North 44th Street) and appropriating the sum of \$425.00 for the purpose of refunding to Robert J. Lowery and Vera D. Lowery said amount; constituting a portion of the sum of \$850.00 heretofore paid by them to the City as costs and expenses in connection with the aforesaid vacation. Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

^{48:1} The Director of Public Works presents the Assessment and Assessment Roll for the cost of the installation of sewers in the alley between Winnifred and Highland Streets, from 6th Avenue to Bantz Boulevard, thence in 6th Avenue from said alley to Pearl Street, also in Pearl Street from North 7th Street to approximately 300 feet south of 6th Avenue, for L I D 1936. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that July 3, 1956 be set as the date for hearing thereon. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

⁴⁵¹ The Director of Utilities presents the Assessment and Assessment Roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 5176, for the installation of water mains in the area from South Tacoma Way to 48th Street, and from Union Avenue to Lawrence Street. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that July 3, 1956 be set as the date for hearing thereon. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

⁴⁵¹ The L. I. D. Committee of the City Council submits the report on the hearing on L I D 1951 held on May 15, 1956, for the installation of sewers in the Port of Tacoma area, and reports that remonstrances amounting to 74% had been filed against the district. It was recommended by the L I D Committee that the remonstrances be sustained and the district be abandoned. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to concur

on the recommendation of the L I D Committee. Motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The L I D Committee submits the report on the hearing held on L I D 1957, ³⁶⁷ ₄₂₃ May 15th, 1956 for the installation of sewers on Alaska Street from South 60th Street to South 64th Street. In view of the remonstrances filed against the improvement of the block (Alaska Street from 63rd to 64th) it was recommended by the L I D Committee that Alaska Street from So. 63rd Street to South 64th Street be eliminated from the District. Therefore, it was recommended by the L I D Committee that the district be abandoned and the Public Works Department be instructed to create a new district for the installation of sewers on Alaska Street from South 60th Street to South 63rd Street.

Mr. Perdue reported on the meeting held by the L I D Committee. He stated that Mr. Thaden, the Chairman of the Advisory Board of St. Ann's Home, was the only property owner present at the L I D meeting, and he registered his complaint against the proposed improvement, stating that at the present time St. Ann's Home uses septic tanks and the installation of sewers would not be of any benefit to them.

Mr. Hokold, the owner of most of the property to be benefited, was present and explained to Council that he was unable to be present at the hearing held on May 15th. He stated that he intends to build homes in this area and that the property across from St. Ann's Home is now owned by Pierce County and is going to be offered for sale the latter part of June. He said that he is contemplating the purchase of this land. He stated further that only one property owner had remonstrated against the improvement (amounting to 16%) and could see no reason for the Committee to restrict the improvement.

Several Council members expressed the opinion that they felt a new hearing should be set to give both sides an opportunity to be heard at the same time.

Mr. Jensen said that he felt that 84% of the property owners should rule the district, and he was not in favor of holding a new hearing.

The matter was discussed, and it was moved by Col. Hooker that the remonstrances be overruled and the district be created as originally presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 1, Stojack; Absent 0.

This is the date to which Council continued the hearing on the appeal of Paul F. Salatino (4-23-56) from the denial by the Chief of Police and the City Manager of his taxicab stand location license and his taxicab license, the matter was taken up at this time. ⁴⁰⁵ ₄₁₄

Mr. Clarence M. Boyle, City Manager reported that a meeting had been held as requested at last week's Council meeting, consisting of Mr. Salatino, Mr. Kosai the Traffic Engineer, and himself. At this meeting, he said, it was recommended that the appeal of Mr. Salatino from the action of the Council in denying his application for a taxicab location license and a taxicab license be sustained, and that proper action be taken to establish a taxicab stand at 801 Pacific Avenue, and that Paul F. Salatino be granted a taxicab license and a taxicab location license at 801 Pacific Avenue. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Dr. Battin reported that he and Mr. Russell Buehler of the Planning Department met with the Urban Renewal Committee in Yakima on Saturday, May 26th, to discuss a proposed Urban Renewal Bill for the Legislature, which had been prepared by Mr. McCormick of our Legal Department. He stated that the meeting was very beneficial and that they had succeeded in placing the matter on the Agenda for the Legislature this fall. He said that it is a very worthwhile matter and that it will be of great value to the City of Tacoma.

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At this time Mayor Tollefson read a telegram from Mr. G. C. Stewart, Executive Vice President of the National Safety Council, as follows: "Your City was today awarded Certificates of Achievement for accident records and public safety education in the 1955 Traffic Safety Award Program. Our heartiest congratulations to you and to your citizens."

Col. Hooker suggested that a Resolution be drawn commending the Traffic Department on this award.

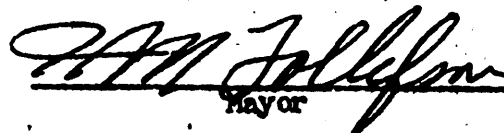
A letter was read from Robert E. Cooper, a member of the Civil Service Board, submitting his resignation to said Board, and stating that he had recently been appointed to a position as U. S. Commissioner, a judicial office with the Federal Government. He further states that the City Charter and certain City Ordinances make it clear that "no officer or employee shall hold any other public office....", therefore, this appointment disqualifies him for serving as a member of the Civil Service Board. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker that the resignation of Robert E. Cooper be accepted, and that an appropriate letter be sent, thanking him for his work on this Board. Motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Tollefson called Council's attention to the letter submitted by Mr. C. M. Boyle, City Manager, announcing his appointment of Marshall McCormick as City Attorney, effective June 1st, 1956. Mr. Boyle also states in his letter that he will retire as of the 1st of June.


Mayor Tollefson stated that it was the feeling of the entire Council that Mr. Boyle was held in high esteem and that they think he would be a valuable asset to the City of Tacoma if he would reconsider his complete and total resignation, and that a position could be worked out in the Attorney's Office that would not be as demanding on his time, but through which his experience and knowledge still might be utilized by the City.

Mr. Boyle said he appreciated the sentiments of the Council and stated further that he would remain until the new Manager took over around the 1st of July. He also said that he might remain in some position, but that it would be left entirely to the discretion of Mr. Rowlands, the new City Manager.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



Mayor

Attest: 

City Clerk