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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, February 20, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 7; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue. Absent 2; Stojack (taking his seat at 7:37 P. M.) and Tollefson. In the absence of the Mayor, who was attending the United States Conference of Mayors in Washington, D. C., Mrs. Goering, Acting Mayor, presided.

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the City Clerk to each Council member, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14541.

By PERDUE:

Approving recommendation of the Chief of Fire Department and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding to Titus Motor Co. the contract for furnishing two all steel station wagons, on its low bid of \$4365.80, plus sales tax and less turn in allowance on two 1948 Fire Department Chevrolet business coupes.

Adopted on roll call February 20, 1956.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Stojack, Tollefson.

Dr. Humiston reported that he had a resolution, which was not on the agenda tonight and which he wished to have adopted this date, and he moved that Rule 7 (relative to filing of new matter for Council's consideration) be suspended. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried on voice vote.

RESOLUTION No. 14542.By HUMISTON:

311 Authorizing the Mayor to appoint a Committee of Three Councilmen to study the existing Charter with a view to presenting to the Council possible Charter amendments and recommending to it those amendments deemed desirable to be submitted to the voters at the November 1956 election.

Adopted on roll call February 20, 1956.
Ayes 7; Nays 1; Hooker, Absent 1; Tollefson.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 15532. L I'D 1941.

765 Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D No. 1941. (Sanitary or local sewers along Alaska

Street from South 72nd Street north for approximately 900 feet.) Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15533. L I D 2230.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 2230. (gravel and crushed rock oil mat along East I Street from East 36th Street to East 37th Street). Read by title and passed. ²⁶⁵

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15534. L I D 4542.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 4542. (widening existing pavement ten feet with asphaltic concrete and installing concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks along the west side of Union Avenue from Center Street south to within 100 feet of the north boundary line of South 35th Street). Read by title and passed. ²⁶⁵

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15535. L I D 4550.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D No. 4550. (asphaltic concrete pavement in the alley between North 33rd and North 34th Streets from Proctor Street to Adams Street). Read by title and passed. ²⁶⁵

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15536. L I D 4552.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 4552 (asphalt surface along South L Street from South 43rd to South 45th). Read by title and passed. ²⁶⁵

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15537. L I D 5170.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost of improvement in L I D 5170. (watermains in Manitou District). Read by title and passed. ²⁶⁵

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15538. L I D 5251.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for cost ²⁶⁵

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of improvement in L I D 5251. (cast iron water mains in Walters Road from Sixth Avenue (extension) to South 19th Street.). Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15539.

Creating a special fund to be known as the Belt Line Railway Cumulative Reserve Fund, out of surplus revenues of the Belt Line Division, and prescribing the purposes for which said fund shall be used. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15540.

Creating a special fund to be known as the Water Main Customers Reserve Fund, and providing for the deposit therein of certain monies, and setting forth the purposes for which said fund shall be used. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15541.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Pierce County, under the right of eminent domain, in connection with the construction of a subtransmission and distribution line. (serving sub-stations that furnish power to McChord, Fort Lewis, the Lakes District and the southwest area of the City). Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15542. L I D 4596.

Providing for improvement by resurfacing with asphaltic concrete the following streets: East 25th from East B to East G Street; and East C Street from Puyallup Avenue to East 26th Street; creating L I D 4596. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15543. L I D 4585.

Providing for improvement of East 60th Street from East "B" Street to East "F" Street by grading, construction of asphaltic concrete pavement, concrete curbs and gutters and storm drainage; creating L I D 4585. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

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Ordinance No. 15544. L I D 5269

Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main in Chandler Street from Center Street to South Tacoma Way; creating L I D No. 5269. Read by title and passed. 266
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Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 15486. L I D 4579 (laid over to this date on Jan. 9, 1956)

Providing for improvement of Chandler Street from Center Street to South Tacoma Way by grading and paving with cement concrete pavement, with curbs; creating L I D 4579. Read by title and passed. 206

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14500, adopted January 16, 1956, for hearing on petition of Andrew K. Peterson, et al (for Safeway Stores Inc.) for vacation of the alley between South M Street and South Sheridan Avenue, extending from South 11th Street to South 12th Street, the Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. Also reported that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioners, and that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. Mr. W. E. Murray, District Manager for Safeway, was present and advised Council they have purchased the entire block. However the site is too small for the building they wish to construct without having it extend over the alley, and for that reason they are asking to have the alley vacated, he said. They are willing to grant easements for the existing sewer and to pay the cost of re-routing existing electric distribution lines and telephone lines, he added. Paul Benson of the City Planning Department, displayed a drawing of the proposed building and the lay-out of the parking space for Council's information. He stated that the City Planning Department approves the vacation providing legal requirements of the Utilities and Public Works Departments are met. Mr. Boyle reported these have been met and they now have the necessary instruments in their office. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the petition be granted and the City Attorney be instructed to draw an ordinance vacating the alley. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Tollefson. 309
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NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk read a letter from Dean Barline, Director of Utilities, submitting a report and certifying that the work of the Water Division of the Public Utilities Department, consisting of alterations and additions to watermains, residential service pipes and water meters to conform with the City of Tacoma minimum standards has been completed in a satisfactory manner as outlined more specifically herein, and recommending that all of the watermains, service pipes and appurtenant equipment within the perimeter of the Portland Avenue First Addition be accepted by the City of Tacoma for operation and maintenance by the Water Division. The action to be taken in this matter was discussed and upon the advice of City Attorney Boyle it was decided to act on these recommendations at the time the plat

of Portland Avenue First Addition is before the Council for acceptance.

The Clerk read a letter from Tacoma and District Chrysanthemum Society, submitting a copy of Resolution No. 10413, dated November 7, 1934, making the Chrysanthemum the Official Flower of the City of Tacoma; stating the Dahlia Society in 1954 questioned this fact; and asking the members of the City Council to check the records and again proclaim The Chrysanthemum as the Official Flower of the City. Those present were promised that the records would be checked and appropriate action will be taken.

The Clerk read a letter from City Manager Frank H. Backstrom, submitting his resignation as City Manager of the City of Tacoma effective 5 P. M. Friday, March 2, 1956, as he is accepting the position of City Manager of the City of Wichita, Kansas. Col. Hooker commented that Wichita's gain was Tacoma's loss, and that they are very fortunate in obtaining the services of the best City Manager in the Country. Mrs. Goering reported that a telegram had been sent to Wichita congratulating them on their choice of Mr. Backstrom as City Manager. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Col. Hooker that Mr. Backstrom's resignation be accepted with regret and that the Council's best wishes be given to him. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote. Mr. J. C. Beckman expressed the opinion that the recent Charter victory was a pat on the back for the leader as well as the form of government, and he thanked both Mr. Backstrom and the Council for the fine work they have done. He urged the Council to hire the best City manager they can secure, as Tacoma is big business. Mrs. Goering said that she did not feel it necessary to appoint an acting manager tonight as Mayor Tollefson would be back next Monday. However she felt a committee should be appointed to do the preliminary work of selecting a manager and she appointed the following councilmembers on that committee: Perdue, Humiston, Tollefson, Bratrud, and Battin.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 8:50 P. M.

Clara E. Goering
Acting Mayor

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk.

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