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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:50 P. M.

Monday, September 13, 1954

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Battin, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 1; Bratrud.

It was moved by Col. Hooker 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 seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

The Building Inspector reported back on the petition of Ellen Carlson, for license for cat kennel at 530 South 52nd Street, and recommended it be denied for the reason that the premises are not located in the proper zone. The Director of Health also recommended that this petition be denied for the reason that this is a nuisance. The City Manager concurred in the above recommendations. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to concur in the recommendation of the Building Inspector, Director of Health and City Manager. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14031.

By HOOKER:

Authorizing and approving conveyance by quit claim deed of three parcels of land described herein to the State of Washington, Department of Highways, to be used in the improvement of Primary State Highway No. 1, Tacoma Freeway, South City limits to Pacific Avenue and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Tacoma to execute the attached deed conveying said lands to the State of Washington.

Adopted on roll call September 13, 1954.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Resolution No. 14032.

By PERDUE:

Directing and authorizing the City Manager, for and on behalf of the City of Tacoma, to enter into a written agreement with the State of Washington, Washington State Highway Commission, for the performance of the work of paving Puyallup Avenue in the vicinity of the crossing of the Northern Pacific Railway Tracks, for the sum of \$921.52 and upon the terms and conditions hereinabove set forth. It was moved by Col. Hooker, Seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call September 13, 1954.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Resolution No. 14033.

By JENSEN:

Authorizing a private sale for \$581.79 in cash and execution and delivery to Ray O'Flyng Inc. of a local improvement assessment deed to Lot 11, Block 24, Midway Addition (at approximately 7043 South L Street).

Adopted on roll call September 13, 1954.

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Tollefson (not voting); Absent 1; Bratrud.

Ordinance No. 15106 (laid over to this date on September 7th).

Adopting the pay or compensation plan as contemplated by Section 6.9 of the City Charter; prescribing the salaries to be paid to nonelective officers and employes of the City; establishing the positions of the various departments of the City government; fixing the effective date of this ordinance; and repealing Ordinances Nos. 12692, 12825, 12994, 13169 and 14967, and all amendments and additions thereto and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith. Read by title. Mr. Backstrom reported that several meetings had been held with the labor representatives on the proposed compensation plan; that a meeting had not been held as yet with Mr. Ketter and his Committee, but that this had been scheduled for next Wednesday, September 15th. Therefore, he suggested that the Council hold a special meeting Thursday evening September 16th to discuss the proposed compensation plan. Dr. Humiston, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the meetings which have been held with the different labor groups, and said that all were in accord with the plan except for the portion relating to salaries. After a short discussion, it was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Col. Hooker that the Council meet as a "Committee of the Whole" Thursday, September 16th, to discuss the proposed compensation plan and Ordinance No. 15106. Motion lost on roll call: Ayes 1; Hooker, Nays 7, Absent 1, Bratrud. It was then moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack that a Special Council meeting be held Thursday evening, September 16th at 7:30 P. M. in the Council Chambers to discuss the proposed compensation plan and Ordinance No. 15106. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the time that Council had requested the heads of the various departments of the City Government to appear and explain their departmental Budgets, consideration was given to this matter. The various departments represented were City Clerk, Law Department, Finance Department, Treasurer, Personnel Department, City Planning Department, Fire Department Police Department, Health and Welfare Department, Public Works Department, and the Library Board. Each Department head explained to the Councilmen, his particular budget and any reductions that had been made. Fire Chief Fisk told the Council that his request for Fire Hose had been eliminated from the 1955 budget and he stated that he believed it to be of utmost necessity that the hose be purchased this coming year. Other items cut from the various departmental budgets were explained and at the conclusion Mayor Tollefson promised that these items would be taken into consideration at budget time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom informed the Council that he had received a letter from Mr. Barline, Director of Utilities, regarding the sale of the Light Division property at 24th and Holgate Streets. Mr. Barline was of the opinion that the General Fund Departments are contemplating moving from the location now owned by them in the vicinity of 24th and Holgate and therefore are not interested in acquiring the Light Division properties, Mr. Backstrom said. Dr. Humiston moved that the Council instruct the City Manager to inform the Utilities Department that the General Fund is not interested in purchasing the building at 24th and Holgate. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin. Mr. Jensen voiced the opinion that it might be well to table this matter until after the November 2nd election, to see whether or not the Bond Issue for the Public Works Building carries. If it does not carry, he added, we would have the opportunity to lease or purchase from the Utilities Department this property, which would be adjoining our present Municipal Shops. After a short discussion, it was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Stojack to table the Department of Public Utilities' request to dispose of their property at 24th and Holgate until after the November election. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom reported back on the matter of installing an acoustical tile ceiling in the Council Chambers. He explained that L. P. Staman, Director of Public Works, had received bids for four different types of installation, the noise reduction coefficients which were as follows:

"A" (.65.) would give substantial noise reduction but is of combustible material and would not meet our Building Code requirements. Cost \$335.00.

"B" (.70) would give very good noise reduction, is incombustible and is still relatively economical. Cost \$463.00.

"C" (.80) would give a greater amount of noise reduction but is considerably more expensive. In fact, would actually eliminate too much of the noise and give sounds a "dead" quality. Cost \$673.00.

"D" (.60) this proposal incorporates constant strength lighting with sound deadening and would be used more in installations where it is desirable to eliminate shadows as well as noise. This would not be recommended where the Council Chambers are only to be continued in use for a limited time. Cost \$1,372.00.

After discussion by the Council, it was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Col. Hooker to approve Plan "B". Carried unanimously on voice vote. (estimated cost \$463.00).

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then recessed to Thursday, September 16th at 7.30 P. M. (Time of recess 10:25 P. M.)

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council

Attest:

Josephine Melton
City Clerk.