

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:50 P. M.

Monday, April 12, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 6; Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson; Absent 3; Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

It was moved 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 seconded by Col. Hooker and carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13888.

BY HOOKER:

Authorizing private sale of all right, title and interest of City of Tacoma to Lots 1 to 15 inc., Block 102, Highland Park Addition (located on Bennett Street between South 18th and South 19th Streets) acquired by the local improvement district assessments and the proceedings for foreclosure thereof, for the sum of \$10.00 in cash, and directing execution and delivery of a local improvement assessment deed to Walter C. Witte and Margaret G. Witte, upon payment of said sum of \$10.00.

Adopted on roll call April 12, 1954.

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

Resolution No. 13889.

By HOOKER:

Authorizing a private sale of all of the interest of the City of Tacoma to Lot 5, Block 25, Plat of South Tacoma Addition (NE corner of 68th and East F Streets) by reason of foreclosure proceedings, to Lee H. Burnett and authorizing and directing execution and delivery to said Lee H. Burnett of a local improvement assessment deed in consideration of the sum of \$176.68 now in the hands of the City Treasurer.

Adopted on roll call April 12, 1954.

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

Initial Resolution No. 13890.

By THE COUNCIL:FOR: GRADING, ASPHALT PAVING, CONCRETE CURBS AND GUTTERS AND STORM DRAINAGE- L.I.D 4453.

Stating intention of Council to order grading to the established sub-grade and placing thereon a gravel ballast with an asphaltic concrete pavement, together with concrete curbs and gutters and the necessary storm drainage on South 12th Street from Proctor Street to Orchard Street; fixing May 4th, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. Moved by Col Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend rule 9, and carried unanimously.

Adopted on roll call April 12, 1954.

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

Resolution No. 13891.

By GOERING:

Authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase from the owners,

in the City of Tacoma, site located at South 35th Street between Union Avenue and Win-  
 Street, for a site for a new City Fire Station for the sum of \$5,358.25, plus closing  
 costs of approximately \$20.50; and that the cost of said purchase shall be paid from Cum-  
 ulative Reserve Fund, Capital Outlay.

Adopted on roll call April 12, 1954.

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

Resolution No. 13892.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the Investment Board of the City of Tacoma, to invest the sum of  
 \$15,000.00 of the \$2,700,000.00 authorized to be invested by Resolution No. 13882 of  
 the moneys of the Light Construction Fund of 1953, in United States Government Bonds  
 and/or United States Certificates of Indebtedness, such investments to be purchased at  
 market value either on the open market or from any City Fund or funds holding such in-  
 vestments and found by the Investment Board to be available for sale.

Adopted on roll call April 12, 1954.

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

Resolution No. 13893.

By HUMISTON:

Approving the making of those additions and betterments to and extensions  
 of the plant and system of the Light Division of the Department of Public Utilities as  
 set forth in Resolution No. U-73 and Resolution No. U-92 of the Public Utility Board  
 and more specifically described herein. Moved by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9. Mo-  
 tion seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was  
 then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call April 12, 1954.

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

Resolution No. 13894.

By HUMISTON:

payment Authorizing Investment Board of the City to re-invest from the moneys receiv-  
 ed upon of United States Certificates of Indebtedness, which are now due and payable,  
 being funds invested from the cash balances of the City, the sum of not to exceed  
 \$1,500,000 in United States Certificates of Indebtedness.

Adopted on roll call April 12, 1954.

Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin; Bratrud, Jensen.

Resolution No. 13876 (laid over to this date on April 5th)

By STOJACK:

Authorizing City Manager to execute the attached agreement with the proper  
 officials of Pierce County Fire District No. 4 for the installation and maintenance of 172  
 Radio Equipment by the City of Tacoma Fire Department in Pierce County Fire District No.  
 1 (Midland) fire fighting vehicles. The Clerk read the resolution in full. Mr. Backstrom  
 reported that Fire Chief Fisk had contacted Fire Chief David McPherson of the Midland  
 Fire Department relative to paying \$15.00 per month per installation for three trucks  
 as suggested by Councilman Jensen at the last meeting, and Mr. McPherson had advised  
 that an expense of \$540.00 per year for this service was financially impossible, but he  
 felt that the Board of Commissioners would accept a charge up to \$100.00 per year. The  
 Council discussed the resolution and the offer from the Midland Fire Department, and it

was moved by Mrs. Goering to lay Resolution 13876 over for one week to April 19th to allow time for further study and for rewriting of the agreement if necessary. Seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15006.

Providing for the improvement of East B Street from East 60th Street to East 61st Street; creating Local Improvement District No. 2105. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15004.

Providing for the making of certain additions, replacements and betterments to the existing municipal water works system of the City of Tacoma; specifying and adopting the plan and system proposed therefor; declaring the estimated cost thereof as near as may be determined; providing for the issuance and sale of Series "A", Series "B", Series "C", Series "D", and Series "E" Special Obligation Bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 each, to be known as Water Bonds Series "A" 1954, Water Bonds Series "B" 1954, Water Bonds Series "C" 1954, Water Bonds Series "D" 1954, and Water Bonds Series "E" 1954; and creating and establishing a special fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 of the Council Rules. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

Ordinance No. 15005.

Creating in the Treasury of the City of Tacoma a special fund to be known as the Water Construction Fund of 1954; specifying the purpose for which said fund is created; providing for the deposit therein for the proceeds of the sale of \$1,000,000.00 issue of Water Bonds of 1954 Series "A", the \$1,000,000.00 issue of Water Bonds of 1954 Series "B", the \$1,000,000.00 issue of Water Bonds of 1954 Series "C", the \$1,000,000.00 issue of Water Bonds of 1954, Series "D", and the issue of Water Bonds of 1954 Series "E" in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, to be hereafter issued; moneys advanced from current funds; and such other funds as may be appropriated or loaned to said special fund for the purpose of paying the cost of additions and betterments to and extensions of the present water works plant and system of the City of Tacoma as specified and adopted by Ordinance No. 15004; and appropriating the sum of \$5,000,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from said fund for said purpose. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9 of the Council Rules. Motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

Ordinance No. 15007.

Amending Sections 11, 15, 19, and 20 of Ordinance No. 14967 entitled: "An ordinance relating to and establishing the positions of the various departments of the City government; fixing the compensation to be paid the officers and employees of said departments; etc. (1954 Salary Ordinance)" repealing Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Ordinance No. 14977; and declaring an emergency making necessary the immediate passage of this ordinance and its taking effect immediately after publication. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9. Carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3, Battin, Bratrud, Jensen.

Mr. Backstrom informed the Council that he has received several letters from the Goodwill Industries, asking that they be exempted from paying fees amounting to \$1.00 per load for dumping privileges at the Tacoma City Garbage Dump. The Goodwill Industries have advised him that they ordinarily have one truck load a day for the dump, and as they are a charitable institution, they feel they should not have to pay a charge for dumping privileges. Mr. Backstrom explained that if the Goodwill Industries were exempted from this payment, the City would necessarily have to grant the same concession to other charitable organizations such as the Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, Tacoma Rescue Mission and many others, which would mean a loss in revenue of approximately \$1500 year and would be serious to the Department's finances. After a discussion with the Council, it was decided to have Mr. Backstrom write a letter to the Goodwill Industries explaining the situation and notifying them that it will not be possible to exempt their organization from the payment of this fee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom reported back on Judge W. A. Richmond's proposal (3-22-54) to reimburse the City for the purchase of the vacant property at the foot of North 125  
14th Street and Stadium Way in return for an easement giving him the right of ingress and egress over this tract of land, and advised that the tract in question is 55' and that the Light Department is going to remove its substation from the 25' adjoining this property, but intends to retain the site in order to service any future power needs on the Waterfront in this area. The matter was discussed at length, and it was the consensus of the Council that it would be for the best interest of the City if the lots were sold to private individuals, and that the City should not enter into the transaction with Judge Richmond.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council

Attest:

Josephine Melton  
City Clerk