

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, February 2, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter and Price. Absent on roll call 1, Mayor Hanson. In the absence of Mayor Hanson, Dr. Humiston, Vice Mayor, presided.

Mr. Anderson moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Presentation of a certificate to the City of Tacoma by Mr. Richard P. Emery, President of the Pierce County Chapter of the National Home Improvement Council.

Mr. Emery presented an award to the City Council on behalf of the Pierce County Chapter of the National Home Improvement Council. He said the chapter has been given the support from various departments of the City in their over-all "fix-up" campaign. They also feel that the announced six point program for the beautification of the City is an excellent one, and that the City Council has done much towards the improvement of Tacoma.

Presentation of suggestion awards to Carl A. Rutherford and George Simpson.

Mr. Rowlands explained that a \$75.00 award to Mr. George Simpson, 5
labor foreman in the Public Works Maintenance Department was for his suggestion for the replacing of concrete posts instead of wooden posts. As a result of this suggestion the City will realize annual savings of \$750.00 after six years. The cost of construction will be \$2,700 a year less than the purchase price of ready made concrete posts.

Mr. Carl A. Rutherford of the Finance Department received a \$100 award for his suggestion of a registration check of contractors applying for building permits. It was estimated that \$1,000 additional revenue per year will result by this suggestion. It will also save time of Field auditors and improve service to the public.

Dr. Humiston, Vice Mayor, presented Mr. Simpson and Mr. Rutherford with their awards and congratulated them for their suggestion.

Mr. Bratrud inquired about the meeting that was held at 3:00 P.M. with the 568
Hot Rod Clubs. He asked if anything definite had been decided.

Dr. Humiston said that David Grassi, Secretary-Treasurer of the Roman Wheels Club, had spoken at the meeting. He specifically mentioned that he would like to have some of the Council members attend the opening of their Hot Rod races at Shelton on April 12, 1959, and offered to furnish them transportation.

Mr. Anderson said he had been there several times and that it was quite a sight. He felt that it was a worth while project and should be encouraged.

Dr. Humiston suggested that David Grassi send a communication to the City Manager's office about two weeks before April 12 reminding the City Council of the race.

PETITIONS:

Petition from Walter R. Bennett for rezoning of property on the northeast corner of Center Street and Huson south, from an R-2 District to a C-1 District.

Petition from Charles C. Hoffman for rezoning of property at 74th and Pacific Avenue from an R-4-L to a C-2 District.

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Petition from John T. Robson, M. D. for rezoning of property at So. 16th and J Streets from an R-4 District to an R-4+T-M District.

Referred to the Planning Commission.

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Petition for replat of area north of North 17th between Mildred Street and Miller's Skyline Terrance 2nd Addition from Edward P. Miller.

Mr. Buehler said a hearing had been held on this petition some time earlier but the proper notice was not given to some of the property owners, therefore a new date of hearing had to be set. One of the property owners was out of the State and had to be served personally. The old plat was a "grid iron pattern" that did not fit with the topography of the land and it was quite rough with too many streets. The new plat will remedy this situation, he said, and it has the approval of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Edward P. Miller, petitioner, said he would like to stress the point that there is no disagreement on the plat but it is merely the procrastination of one man that has held this up for two years.

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the plat, and that the City Attorney prepare an Ordinance vacating the plat. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15627

BY HANSON:

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Fixing March 2, 1959 as the date for hearing on the vacation of property abutting upon the north 20 feet of North 32nd Street between Oakes and Pine Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15628

BY ANDERSON:

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Fixing March 2, 1959 as the date for hearing on the vacation of property abutting upon Leif Erickson Drive from Fernside Drive to Karl Johan Avenue.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15629

BY PORTER:

Fixing Tuesday, February 24, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on *50:20*
 I D 5305 for cast iron water mains in Winnifred and Shirley Streets; from No. 14th
 to No. 18th Sts; and in No. 14th from Shirley to Winnifred Street.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
 Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15630

BY REQUEST OF GIERING:

Fixing Tuesday, February 24, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on *50:20*
 I D No. 6759 for ornamental street lights on Montgomery Street from South 64th
 Street to South 66th Street.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
 Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson

Resolution No. 15631

BY ANDERSON:

Fixing Tuesday, February 24, 1959 as the date for hearing for the construc- *50:8*
 tion, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks, gutters and curbs in various parts of
 the City.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
 Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson

Resolution No. 15632

BY EASTERDAY:

Appropriating the sum of \$60,000 from the 1955 Street and Bridge Construc-
 tion Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of Local Improvement District No. 2290.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Rowlands said this Resolution is for monies that have not been expended
 from the 1955 Street and Construction Fund. This money is left over in the fund
 because of better bids received than anticipated. Resolution No. 15633 also earmarks
 some of the money that was not designated for any specific project. He said he under-
 stood that after this money was spent there would be a balance of \$30,000.

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
 Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson

Resolution No. 15633

BY BRATRUD:

Appropriating the sum of \$9,647.50 from the 1955 Street and Bridge Construction Fund for the purpose of paying the costs of the City's participation in Local Improvement District No. 2295.

Mr. Rowlands said this Resolution is in anticipation of L I D 2295.

Dr. Humiston said inasmuch as this Resolution has to do with Ordinance No. 16274 creating the improvement of L I D 2295, he asked that the Resolution be set aside until the Ordinance is passed. The Resolution was then set aside to be taken up later.

Resolution No. 15634:

BY ANDERSON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Works, Local Union 483, concerning wages, hours and conditions of labor for the Light Division electrical workers.

Mr. Anderson moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Dr. Humiston said this is something the Council has to act on once a year. The State Law permits one annual revision of wages for the Tacoma City Light at a different time from the adoption of the budget. In most cases the negotiations are not finished by the time the end of the contract period expires and the Council is being asked to make the settlement retroactive to the date of the expiration of the present contract.

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15635

BY PRICE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an electric transmission line easement to the Bonneville Power Administration for the sum of \$225.00 across property recently acquired by the Water Division in the Green River Watershed.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Berlin said this property was acquired as part of the Reservoir for the Eagle Gorge Dam with the understanding that the Bonneville Power Administration wanted to widen their right-of-way.

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson

Resolution No. 15636

BY PERDUE:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute a Quit Claim deed to the State of Washington for the improvement of Primary State Highway #14, Narrows Bridge to Purdy.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. [unclear] yesterday.

Mr. Barline said the Highway Department has recently acquired limited access rights and further right of ways to make Highway #14 into a four lane limited access highway to the Bridge at Purdy. According to the City's right of ways which were set up about twenty-five years ago, in incidents where there was property wider than the city needed on the west side, the entire ownership was taken over. This Resolution is to transfer to the State these pieces of land needed for the highway.

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16265:

Authorizing the Director of Finance to transfer certain sums from certain categories to other categories for the year 1958.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson

Ordinance No. 16266:

Appropriating the sum of \$4,011.55 from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the cost of operation of the Police Relief and Pension Fund.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16267:

Amending Section 13.04.390 of the Official Code relating to Rules and Regulations for Land Subdivision.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16273:

Amending Ordinance No. 16138 pertaining to condemnation of property in So. 74th between Puget Sound Avenue and South Tacoma Way.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16274:

Providing for the improvement of LID 2295 for grading and placing an oil mat surface on Orchard Street from South 19th to No. 9th Street.

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Mr. Bratrud who was chairman of the L I D Committee said the Committee's recommendation had been to delete the area from No. 16th to No. 26th and that an Ordinance be drawn approving the area from So. 19th to No. 9th Street, As there had been a 51% remonstrance against the district and most of the remonstrances were filed against the area in No. 16th to 26th Street, they felt rather than to have the whole district abandoned this satisfied many of the property owners, by deleting this portion, he explained.

Mr. Schuster said the department was agreeing to this deletion rather than have the entire project abandoned, but he said, eventually the City still hopes to make the street an arterial as far north as 46th Street.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Resolution No. 15633:

BY BRATRUD:

Appropriating the sum of \$9,647.50 from the 1955 Street and Bridge Construction Fund for the purpose of paying the costs of the City's participation in Local Improvement District No. 2295. This Resolution was taken up at this time.

It was moved by Mr. Percue to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bratrud

Adopted on roll call February 2, 1959
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16275:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4655 for paving, curbs and gutters between Mullen and Gove Street from No. 46th to No. 48th; Washington and Union from No. 33rd to No. 34th; No. 36th and No. 37th from Monroe to Mason; Pine and Anderson from So. 8th to So. 10th; No. 26th and No. 27th from Proctor to Adams; I and J Sts. from 6th Avenue to So. 5th.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16276:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4656 for paving of the alley between A Street and Bell from So. 43rd to So. 45th Streets and between Fawcett and So. d from South 36th to South 37th Street.

The Clerk reported that a petition was received with twelve signatures protesting against a portion of the L I D, the alley between A and Bell Street, making a total of 36.7% remonstrances against the complete district and 64.8% against this particular portion. Mr. Bratrud said he thought inasmuch as this area is not adjoining the district, he felt it could be deleted with this amount of protests.

Mr. Bratrud moved that the Ordinance be amended to delete the ally between A and Bell Streets. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Mr. Anderson moved that the Ordinance as amended be laid over for one

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week, February 9, 1959. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16277:

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 1985 for sanitary sewers in the alley between East 53rd and East 54th Streets from East K to East J Sts. 527

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16278:

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 2287 for an oil mat surface on Bell Street from South 52nd to South 56th Street.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16279:

Approving and Confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 4606 for concrete curbs and gutters on Alki Street from No. 43rd; also on Orchard Road and on North 14th from Madison Street to Monroe. 602

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Ordinance No. 16280:

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 5298 for cast iron water mains in North 26th from Huson to Baltimore Street. 198
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Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Report on the Water Service to the Town of Fife. 576
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Dr. Humiston pointed out that the City has accumulated much data indicating that it would be to the advantage of the citizens of Fife to annex to the City rather than remain incorporated. This report submitted by Mr. Benedetti estimates the engineering cost of Fife's water system from \$6,000 to \$7,500. Fife's budget shows \$2,000 for such costs. If the town was part of Tacoma, the engineering fees would be initially absorbed and later charged to the L I D, Dr. Humiston said.

Dr. Humiston suggested that the Mayor appoint a committee of the Council to meet with the Town Council of Fife to discuss the problem of annexation into the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Easterday then moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of the Council to meet with the Town Council of Fife to discuss the problem of annexation into the City of Tacoma. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mayor Hanson.

Dr. Humiston said the matter would be turned over to Mayor Hanson. Then if a favorable answer was received from Fife, a committee could be appointed at that time.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Tacoma Transit System report for 1957 and 1958.

Director of Finance Report for the month of December 1958.

Mrs. Goering said she has twice tried, unsuccessfully, to introduce an Ordinance to broaden the housing provisions in the City of Tacoma, but it seemed to be the concensus of the Council that any modification of the Civil Rights law should be done on a State level to insure conformity. She said, that attempt is now being made and distributed copies of the proposed amendments to the Council members. She said there is to be a hearing by the House Judiciary Committee at 7:00 P.M., Thursday February 5, 1959 and she hoped some members of the Council would be present to speak on this.

Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council of the important meeting Tuesday evening in Olympia starting at 5:30 P.M. at the Governor Hotel.

He also said on February 11, 1959 the dinner will be held at the Olympian Hotel regarding the Naches Pass Tunnel.

Mr. Rowlands said on February 24, 1959 there is a Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held at the Winthrop Hotel which will service the entire northwest area. There will be outstanding speakers and since there is a limited number that can attend Mr. Rowlands said he would appreciate knowing how many members would be interested in attending.

Mr. Rowlands asked the Council for their opinion on various groups soliciting funds from city employees during the work period. He said up to now only the U. G. N has been allowed this privilege and he wondered if the Council was in accord with this decision.

It was the concensus of the Council members that there should be one drive only and that would be by the United Good Neighbors.

Mr. Rowlands brought to the Council's attention a letter received from the James C. Buckley, Inc., in regard to the status of the Civil Aeronautics Administration Simulation studies and said the report looked very favorable as to the location being at the Peninsula airport site.

Mr. Rowlands also passed out some data in regards to the legislative program.

Mr. Rowlands said in December the Council made some changes in the Compensation Plan and he felt they would be interested in the pamphlet that was distributed to city employees as a result of this change.

Mr. Rowlands explained that he would like the Council's views on the policy the City should follow in regard to the removing of signs posted by private businesses that are determined to be hazardous. Should the policy be that only hazardous signs be removed or should it be that all signs be removed, thus preventing any argument by people that because they were made to conform, so should everyone else.

Dr. Humiston asked, "What does the Ordinance state?"

Mr. Rowlands said the Ordinance provides that there can be no encroachments on the right of way.

Marshall McCormick, City Attorney, said this was a matter of using common sense in administering the law or else in going out and prohibiting all signs on or near the roadway. He said he could see no reason why leniency was not permissible as long as a sign constituted no hazard.

The Council agreed that this matter should be left up to the discretion of Mr. Rowlands, City Manager.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Paul Hanson
Chairman of the City Council

Attest: *Jacqueline Dalton*
City Clerk