

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.  
Monday, August 17, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Perdue. Arrive coming in at 4:20 P.M.

Mr. Anderson moved that the minutes of the meeting of August 10, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Mr. Porter asked that the minutes be corrected by adding to his motion on page 1 of the minutes, in reference to the Freeway Mart, the words "and the property question be rezoned to a "C-P-R", allowing a Regional Shopping Center."

Mr. Easterday then moved that the minutes be amended to read "and the property question be rezoned to a "C-P-R", allowing a Regional Shopping Center." Seconded by Dr. Humiston. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Perdue.

Vote was then taken on the approval of the minutes as corrected. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Perdue.

Mayor Hanson explained that before going into the regular order of business he would like to welcome K T V W and Mr. Norman Page, commentator of the T.V. station and also to express the Council's appreciation for the televising of today's Council meeting. "News coverage such as this gives the public an opportunity to see the Council members in action." He said a Resolution was prepared this afternoon culminating a week's work in trying to bring the various facts together to present the possibility of bringing Coast League Baseball to Tacoma. He asked that the rules be suspended in order to take a Resolution on the matter at this time.

Dr. Humiston moved to suspend the rules to take up Resolution No. 15853 which does not appear on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Perdue.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. 15853:

REQUEST OF HANSON:

Committing the City of Tacoma on the fulfillment of certain conditions to furnish and make available a baseball park and facilities on the property known as Snake Lake Recreational Area, to the San Francisco Giants, for a franchise with the Pacific Coast League in 1960, for the playing of the Pacific Coast League Baseball. 240  
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Mr. Anderson moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mayor Hanson said this Resolution has been drawn with specific reference to the method of financing and also in reference to the site. Mr. W. D. Ryan, General Manager of the Phoenix Giants was in Tacoma about 10 days ago and he indicated at that time a definite interest in bringing the ball club to Tacoma. Adequate facilities for the team was the major question and this must be answered before the Phoenix Giants can make a decision on the move. If facilities are provided and the Giants decide to move, it will make a fine arrangement for the City. There would be no cost in obtaining the franchise. The club would be responsible for the upkeep of the facilities

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and would guarantee a minimum rental fee for the stadium for a 5 year period with an option to renew. With a very nominal cost the City will be able to provide facilities for a Coast League team and at the same time acquire athletic facilities that are very much needed in this area. Mr. Perdue coming in at this time.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, passed out information concerning the breakdown of the cost of the baseball park to the Council members. He pointed out that the total cost for Plan "A" which is the Snake Lake Area is estimated at \$590,000; for Plan "B", the Cheney Field site is estimated to be \$673,500. From the standpoint of underwriting the cost of this project, the City can issue \$590,000 worth of bonds. According to the figures of the Finance Director, Mr. Clar Gaisford, the City will still have a capacity of about a million and a quarter left after the issuance of these bonds, in addition to some of the bonds that might have to be issued in connect with the airport project; so that the top of the bond indebtedness in this area will not be reached.

The annual budgeted cost to the County and City for this baseball park is predicated on the assumption the County Commissioners will participate. The principal and interest is estimated to be \$21,700.00 each; the San Francisco Giants have guaranteed \$16,000, and the admission tax is estimated to be \$8,000. Mr. Ryan said there would be one exhibition game a year and 60% of the proceeds would go to the City and County which would amount to approximately \$4800. Therefore, the amount required to be budgeted by the County and City, in order to underwrite this program, would cost, each, \$7,140.00 annually.

Mayor Hanson said the one exhibition game a year is a commitment with the County and City receiving 60% of the gate receipts. The basic agreement is \$16,000 guarantee; 5% of the concessions and 7% of the gate receipts which could result in more than the minimum guarantee.

Dr. Humiston asked if the Council accepts this Resolution, which is actually a declaration of intention, "is it further part of the intention if the franchise does not come to Tacoma, to build the ball park anyway?"

Mayor Hanson said the Resolution as drawn is contingent upon working out a suitable agreement with the Giants and with the County Commissioners. He said in terms of the cost of this venture -- it would be a tremendous opportunity for the City of Tacoma. The economic impact would certainly be tremendous at a relatively small risk on the part of the City. This should be emphasized, he added.

Mr. Porter said it should not be overlooked that a Coast League ball team would also be tremendous advertising for the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Anderson said he felt this is a wonderful opportunity for Tacoma and that the City should take advantage of it.

Mayor Hanson said it should be emphasized that these facilities and the playing of Coast League Ball could be coordinated with the recreation program in the County and City.

Dr. Humiston said in the past the City officials had become interested in financing a ball park, but that each time the lack of a definite tenant forced postponement of the project; as far as he was concerned this guarantee with the Coast League changes the picture and Tacoma should go ahead with the agreement.

Mayor Hanson said of the three proposed sites - the Stadium Bowl, Cheney Field and the Snake Lake Recreational area - it was decided that the Snake Lake site would be the best for several reasons. It is owned by the Park Board and is an area of 180 acres which would be available for recreational purposes. It is the only area that can be developed for \$590,000. It can be developed much along the same lines as the Heidelberg Athletic Park area and worked in with the recreational program. It is centrally located and there is arterial access to and from this site.

Mr. Bratrud asked who would have jurisdiction over the operation of the field.

Mayor Hanson said the City would have jurisdiction over the field, but the facilities would be turned over for the use of the Park and Recreational Dept.

Mr. Clay Huntington, chairman of the baseball committee of the Tacoma Athletic Commission, said this group has been working quite actively on this project. He said that the Phoenix City Council has been informed that the baseball club will be moved. Tacoma is the clubs first choice if suitable facilities are available. This is a "golden opportunity" for Tacoma to obtain a Pacific Coast League Baseball team to further enrich their Recreational program.

Mr. Dewey Soriano, Executive vice-president of the Pacific Coast League, said the League is very interested in the Council's action. The Club itself is in a very fine financial condition. The arrangements that have been discussed in Tacoma are very sound. Any agreement the San Francisco Giants enter into would be on a very sound basis. He said he hoped it worked out so that Tacoma receives this franchise in the Pacific Coast League as he knows the City will enjoy it.

Dr. Tudor of the College of Puget Sound, said he felt this was moving too fast. He didn't feel that some of the statements made were very sound and felt that this should be studied by the Citizens Committee before any action is taken.

Mayor Hanson said this is merely the first step in the program. The approval of the County Commissioners and the Park Board is required before the matter can be ultimately decided. However, they have showed sufficient interest to warrant taking this first step if the Council is of the opinion it is a worthwhile project.

Mr. Ohiser, vice president of the Stadium Memorial Association, said he was in favor of baseball in Tacoma but he also would like more thought given before a final decision is made.

Mr. Zack Vane, State Representative, said he felt an optimistic view should be taken on this and that all of the citizens of Tacoma should get behind the City Council in their efforts to put over this arrangement so that Coast League Baseball can be brought to Tacoma.

Mr. Jerry Geehen, radio station operator, said he felt it should be mentioned that the Pacific Coast League Baseball should draw heavily from the area's military population.

Mrs. Goering said she also like baseball, but was not in favor of this procedure. When the citizens of Tacoma had an opportunity to vote for a golf course, which would have been a money making organization, they voted it down. Yet the Council is going ahead with a proposition here today that will cost the City money without giving the citizens an opportunity to decide what they want.

She reminded the Council that the City of Tacoma has talked much in the past about its lack of finances. Even if the League would pay a minimum of \$8,000 a year for 5 years, then at the end of this 5 year period if they do not wish to renew their contract for the remaining 15 years, the City and County would be committed to making up the \$8000 guarantee. She said she thought this was too important, and questioned the moral right of the Council to make such a decision without a public hearing.

Mayor Hanson explained that the meeting was well publicized. He said that the City the size of Tacoma should spend a certain portion of its income for recreational facilities. He pointed out that a decision was necessary at this meeting - a delay or a "no" answer on the project. It is necessary for the San Francisco Giants to know immediately.

Dr. Humiston said he feels that this proposition is fundamentally part of the City's recreational program, and in the 1959 Budget there was \$327,690 appropriated to the Park Board for recreational purposes. His own personal estimate of the situation is that the citizens of Tacoma would support the Council in spending this kind of money as part of the City's contribution to the recreational program and for that reason he will approve the Resolution.

Vote was then taken on the Resolution resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
 Ayes 8; Nays 1, Goering; Absent 0.

The order of business was then resumed. Mr. Anderson leaving at this time.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date for hearing on the appeal of the revocation of Mr. Edward R. Rose, private detective license.

Mayor Hanson said there has been a request from Mr. Rose's attorney that this hearing be postponed until a later date.

Mr. Rowlands said the letter has been checked by the legal staff and if it is agreeable to the Council, the hearing can be delayed for two weeks.

Mr. Easterday moved that the hearing be postponed for 2 weeks until Sept. 8, 1959. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15845:

BY HANSON:

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Fixing Sept. 9, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 4544 for grading and permanent type pavement, including concrete curbs, gutters, storm water catch basins on So. Oakes from So. 15th to So. 19th; No. 17th from Verde to Mullen; So. Fife from So. 11th to So. 12th; No. 24th from Stevens to Ferdinand; So. Melrose from Cedar to Lawrence Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15846:

BY PRICE:

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Fixing Monday, September 14, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the north and south 10 feet of No. 33rd Street from the west line of Orchard to 275 feet east of Pearl Street.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15847:

BY PORTER:

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Fixing Monday, September 14, 1959 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the west 20 feet of Madison from the south line of No. 32nd to the north line of the alley between No. 31st and No. 32nd Streets.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Easterday.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson

Resolution No. 15848:

BY HUMISTON:

Amending Resolution No. 15818 to include a more comprehensive basis of payment for engineering services to the Kennedy Engineers. 216

It was moved by Mr. Perdue that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Humiston.

Mr. Rowlands said there will be a small amount of survey work necessary that was not covered in the original Resolution. This will merely make it possible to pay the Kennedy firm for this work.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15849:

BY HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to transfer the sum of \$200.00 from the Light Division Functional Capital Outlay Budget Estimates for the year 1959 to the Hydro Power Production Plant of the same budgetary class. 204

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Dean Barline, Director of Public Utilities, said this will enable the Public Utilities Department to pay the Fisheries Dept. the sum of \$200,000 for the building of a hatchery on the Skokomish River.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15850:

BY BRATRUD:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into an agreement with Mason County Fire Protection District No. 1 for a period of five years.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15851:

BY EASTERDAY:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to enter into a supplemental

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agreement between the City and the St. Regis Company to extend the rate adjustment date from September 1, 1959 to January 1, 1960, for the Public Utilities, Light Division.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Dr. Humiston moved that the rules be suspended in order to take up Resolution No. 15852, not on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Resolution No. 15852:

BY GOERING:

Extending the water rate Agreement between the City of Tacoma and St. Regis Paper Company from Sept. 1, 1959 to Oct. 1, 1959.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16411:

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Appropriating the sum of \$200,000 or so much as may be necessary for the purpose of paying to the Pierce County the balance of the principal and interest cost on the County-City Building. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said there were a number of change orders in the construction of the County-City Building, which were not included in the original agreement. It is hoped that some of them can be absorbed from the balance of the Bond Issue. Before next Monday the Council members will receive a complete breakdown of what is involved. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16412:

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Changing the name of Edwards Road to Harbor View Drive and Harbor View Drive from the east line of Edwards Road - extended to its intersection with Brown's Point Blvd., to be changed to 49th St. N.E. Read by title.

Mr. Buehler, City Planner, explained that at the regular meeting of July 21, 1959, the City Planning Commission recommended approval of a petition by Earl Man requesting these changes, as this will put the street right of way in conformance with the street name system established throughout the City; it will establish the house numbering along these rights of way making it easier for the general public to locate addresses. No protests were made by property owners. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:Ordinance No. 16405:

Accepting gift proposals of the Downtown Parking Corporation, to be used for the construction of off-street parking for motor vehicles at sites near the intersection of So. 10th and So. 12th Streets on Pacific Avenue. Read by title and passed. 238

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

Ordinance No. 16406:

Amending Section 11.26.020 of the Official Code of the City in reference to the method of parking vehicles. Read by title and passed. 238

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

Ordinance No. 16407:

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 4628 for concrete on the following alleys: Court A from So. 22nd to So. 23rd; Court E from So. 13th to So. 15th; between I and J from So. 8th to 9th; So. 12th and 13th from Pine to Bennett; between Fife and Prospect from No. 11th to No. 12th Streets. Read by title and passed. 199

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

Ordinance No. 16408:

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 6761 for Ornamental street lights on the existing wooden poles on Brown's Point Blvd. from the north end of Blossom Drive to the south end of Blossom Drive. Read by title and passed. 207

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

Ordinance No. 16409:

Approving and confirming the Assessment Roll for L I D 5306 for cast iron water mains in North Orchard from No. 18th to No. 21st Streets. Read by title and passed. 199

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

Ordinance No. 16410:

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4658 for paving, curbs and gutters and storm catch basins on No. 17th from Jackson Ave. to Juniper; Cascade from No. 17th - 100 feet north; Fir from 17th - 280 feet north and from Juniper to No. 17th - 100 feet. Read by title and passed. 210.  
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Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

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ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Fire Department for the month of July 1959.

Report from the Tacoma Police Department for the month of July, 1959.

Report from the Traffic Division for the month of July 1959.

Report from the Tacoma Municipal Court for the month of July 1959.

Report from the Fire Chief and Harbor Master for the first 6 months of 1959

Report from the Director of Finance for the month of July 1959.

COMMENTS:

207 Mr. Rowlands said a letter was received from the Washington Natural Gas Co. accepting their franchise with the City.

208 Mr. Rowlands said a letter was received from the General Services Administration in reference to the City purchasing land in the Salishan area. Up to now, he said the terms have been on a 50% of the land value basis, but they notified us that, hereafter, the Public Housing Administration will require full reimbursement from the proceeds of the sale of the property. Mr. Rowlands said he would attempt to have this situation clarified.

224 Mr. Rowlands explained that at a recent Council meeting the matter of acquiring the Indian Hospital was discussed, and he explained that Dr. Fargher, the Director of Health, has looked into the situation and at the present the City can see no use for the property. He understands that the State has the property under consideration at the present time.

Mr. Bratrud said the Park Board has invited the Council to go on a fishing trip on Thursday, August 27th at Point Defiance. He explained that they will meet at 1:00 P.M. and that the Park Board will furnish the boats. He said at the Council meeting next week, the Council members, who wish to go, could let him know at that time.

Mayor Hanson said he understood it was the intention of K T V W to televise the meetings at which subjects of unusual interest were to be discussed. Ultimately it is their hope to cover all Council meetings. He added that the station had mentioned that 7:30 P.M. would be a better time for more people to view the Council meeting on T.V.

Mayor Hanson said he had a few appointments to make at this time and submitted the name of William LeVeque for re-appointment to the Library Board.

Mr. Anderson said he spoke with many members of the Library Board, and although it is sometimes a poor policy to have a member serve on this Board for a long period of time, the conclusion was that Mr. LeVeque had done such a fine job during his 5 year term that it would be a shame if he were not reappointed.

Dr. Humiston said he has the same objections to these reappointments as he previously had and therefore he would vote "no" on the appointment.

Mayor Hanson said he disagreed with the Councilman as he felt a Board or Commission should not be deprived of a good member for the reason he has already



erved a term.

Mrs. Goering said it seemed to her it was very important to give just as many citizens as possible an opportunity to become familiar with the workings of the City.

By motion of Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Easterday, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 15854:

HANSON:

Re-appointing William F. LeVeque to the Library Board for a term of five years expiring on August 3, 1964.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 7; Nays 2, Goering and Humiston; Absent 0.

Mayor Hanson said he would like to submit the name of Jack Morrison, a geologist, to the Board of Adjustment to replace Jim Rondeau who resigned.

By motion of Dr. Humiston and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution No. 15855:

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Appointing Jack A. Morrison to the Board of Adjustments to fill the unexpired term of Jim Rondeau ending September 30, 1962.

Adopted on roll call August 17, 1959  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Hanson said he would also like to submit the name of Fred Ludwig for re-appointment to the Housing Authority Board.

Mrs. Goering asked how long has he served on this committee.

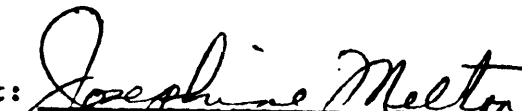
Mayor Hanson said he was not positive, but he knew that he had been re-appointed once before.

Mr. Anderson asked that this be postponed for one week in order to investigate the length of Mr. Ludwig's service. Mayor Hanson said this was agreeable to him.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

  
President of the City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk