

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.  
November 24, 1958

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, Price. Mayor Hanson absent on roll call came in at 4:10. Dr. Humiston, vice-mayor, presided.

Mr. Porter asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be amended to correct the spelling of Morton Gregory that appeared on the eighth page of the minutes. Moved by Mr. Anderson that the minutes be amended to correct the name of Morton Gregory which was misspelled. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. It was then moved by Mr. Anderson that the minutes be amended as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained he would like to make awards to two city employees before the regular procedure of business. It was then moved by Mrs. Price that the rules be suspended to take up this matter. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Rowlands said he was pleased to announce the Suggestion Award program is going along full speed. He presented Mr. O. L. Crivellone, sewage treatment plant operator, with a \$50.00 check for designing a sewage flow meter, saving the City an estimate of \$500.00 in some of the work that they are doing in connection with the sewage program.

He also presented George Graham, Superintendent of the City's Fleet, with a \$25.00 check for developing some removable plates, covered with safety tread material to be bolted to the rear step of garbage trucks, to reduce accidents caused by employees slipping from the steps.

Mayor Hanson resumed the chair at this time. adjourned.

Resolution No. 15545

By Humiston:

Authorizing the payment of the sum of \$6,094.64 annually to Pierce County pursuant to the authority of RC W 35.21.430 for the benefit of all taxing districts within which the properties of the Puget Sound Power and Light Company heretofore acquired by the City, were located.

Resolution No. 15551

By Request of Humiston:

Authorizing the payment of the sum of \$6,094.64 annually to Pierce County pursuant to the authority of R C W 35.21.430 for the benefit of all taxing districts within which ~~the properties~~ of the Puget Sound Power and Light Company, heretofore acquired by the City were located, eliminating the provision that the amount so paid will be taken out of the 8% tax received by general government.

Dr. Humiston said these two Resolutions are on the same subject, the only difference between them is that in Resolution No. 15545 the money would be deducted from the City's gross earnings tax, whereas in Resolution No. 15551 the payment will be authorized, but will not be deducted from the gross earnings tax. He said he would like to have these two Resolutions referred back to the Utility Board rather than Council acting on them at this time, with the recommendation that Council will look with favor on Resolution No. 15551, which does not allow the deduction from the gross earnings tax.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston that Resolutions No. 15545 and 15551 be referred to the Utility Board with the Council's recommendation that Resolution No. 15551 be approved by the Board. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Roll Call Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15552

Anderson:

Awarding contract to Executone Systems Company on their bid of \$15,980 plus sales tax for the Sundry System for the County City Building.

Resolution No. 15553

Price:

Awarding contract to Carl T. Madsen, Inc., in the amount of \$20,263.00, for installing ornamental street lights in LID's Nos. 16155 and 16156. Mr. Rowlands brought up that this Resolution should be corrected in paragraph (2) where it reads L I D 16155 and 16156. It should be amended to read L I D 6755 and 6756. Dr. Humiston moved to amend the Resolution by correcting L I D 16155 and 16156 to read L I D 6755 and 6756. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Carried unanimously on roll call. Roll call on Resolution: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15554

Porter:

Accepting an offer of the United States Government in making an advance of Federal funds to City of Tacoma to aid in financing the cost of certain surveys and plans for Urban Renewal Project Wash. R-1- Center Street. 383

Mr. Rowlands explained that in the planning advance the City expects to receive some \$39,000. If the project is given Federal approval the amount will be applied to the Government's two-thirds share for the net projects cost and if the project is not approved the money must be paid back with interest.

He said the money out of pocket for the Center street project should not be over \$15,000 or \$18,000. He felt that the one-third share will be made up by the improvements in the district.

Mr. George Smith, Assistant City Manager, said that the total planning advance of the Center Street area came to \$68,210, and they had asked the government for \$39,270, which is the amount to take care of third party contracts. The City will be contributing in terms of salaries and staff time a little over \$28,000. Moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution. Seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Adopted on roll call November 24, 1958  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15555

Humiston:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute and deliver a real estate contract to E. W. Nordlund and Carmen Nordlund for the sum of \$2,000 on South 4th and 18th Streets on Walters Road. 447

Mr. Rowlands explained that at the meeting of November 3rd, 1958, a request came through from Mr. Nordlund that the deposit paid on real estate at this location be returned to him. At the time of the meeting Mr. Nordlund was not present, and it was suggested that Mr. Rowlands contact Mr. Nordlund. He said that Mr. McCormick and Mr. Gaisford and himself had met with Mr. Nordlund on this matter, and that Mr. Nordlund had reconsidered his offer and agreed to pay the money for the lots. It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the resolution be adopted; seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Adopted on roll call November 24, 1958  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15556

By Price:

Authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$16,000.00 from the General Fund, for the purpose of acquiring a site for the proposed West End Branch Library.

Dr. Humiston asked if there was a provision made for this in the budget. Mr. Rowlands said there was not, but that Mr. Messinger, chairman of the Library Board, would like to purchase the property for the West End Branch Library, because he feels it will take eight or nine months to clear up the Swasey estate. They would like the Council to grant this loan as they feel the litigation will be in the library's favor. Moved by Mr. Anderson that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Humiston.

Adopted on roll call November 24, 1958  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15557

By Goering:

Fixing December 22, 1958 at 4:00 P. M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of that portion of Olympic Boulevard abutting the southerly line of Block D of Highlands Narrowsview Addition. Moved by Mr. Anderson to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Adopted on roll call November 24, 1958  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16226

Vacating the southerly 20 feet of Kellogg Street between So. Shirley Street and Orchard Street, except where it intersects South Bennett and Villard Streets. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16218:

Vacating portions of the alley lying between St. Helens Avenue and Broadway from South 2nd Street to South 4th Street.

Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Finance No. 16219

Providing for the improvement of LID 2281 - Concrete sidewalks on East 56th Street from Mc Kinley Avenue West to East F Street.

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Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Finance No. 16220

Approving and Confirming the Assessment roll for W. O. 8642 - Replacing defective sidewalks and constructing new sidewalks in various locations throughout the City.

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Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Finance No. 16221:

Approving and Confirming the Assessment roll for L I D 2270 - grading, ballasting and replacing an MC-3 Oil Mat, also cement concrete sidewalks on East 65th Street from A Street to East B Street.

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Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Finance No. 16222:

Approving and Confirming the Assessment roll for LID No. 2271 - cement concrete sidewalks on East 72nd St. from A to East D Streets.

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Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Finance No. 16223:

Approving and Confirming the Assessment roll for LID 2273 - Grading, ballasting, surfacing and storm drainage on East 68th Street from East B to East D Streets.

48:317

Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Finance No. 16224:

Approving and Confirming the Assessment roll for LID 4621 - Asphalt paving the Alley between So. 49th St. and 50th St. from So. C St. to Park Avenue.

48:235

Call: Ayes: 9; Nays 0; Absent 0;

Finance No. 16225:

Approving and Confirming the Assessment roll for LID 5294 - Cast iron watermains Northeast Tacoma Area.

48:469

Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FINISHED BUSINESS:

MC-232 - Relocation of Fire Company No. 3 at Station No. 13 - located at No. 418 1st and Proctor.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that their recommendation in reference to Fire Truck Company No. 3 was:

- (1) That Fire Truck Company No. 3 be permanently relocated at Station No. 13 at North 25th & Proctor, which would be in joint occupancy with Engine Company #13, at an additional cost of \$1,033.00 plus the labor cost of City forces. The annual savings in operational costs of a combined station will be approximately \$900.00. Careful study of the location and accessibility requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters assures that this relocation will provide fire protection well within the rigid standards required for the area to be served.
- (2) Also pay the architect's fee of \$2700.00 for remodeling studies of Station
- (3) Sell Station #3 with the requirement that it be made safe for occupancy.

Mr. Rowlands said there were several ways this could be done. If they wanted to use the downstairs only, the cost would be approximately \$2,000. If the entire building were used the cost would be approximately \$5,000. If no satisfactory bid is received, the building should be razed entirely at the estimated cost of \$700.00 and the site could be sold.

He said that by combining the two stations, there was a saving of \$1,000.00 in the overhead expenses. It was moved by Mr. Anderson that the Council accept and approve the report as outlined by Ms. Rowlands on MC-232. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Roll Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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The Director of Public Works presents the assessment roll for the cost of improving the LI D 6753 for the installation of ornamental street lights on wooden poles in the area of Washington Street from North 9th to North 11th Streets.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that January 13, 1959 be the date set for hearing on the Assessment Roll. Seconded by Mr. Perdue.

Roll Call: Ayes 9; Nays: 0; Absent: 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Communication from Harold E. Miller, Director of the Pollution Control Commission.

Mr. Rowlands said that it was important that the Council come up with answers on rates in regard to sewers. He also mentioned that there was to be a meeting on this matter Tuesday at 3:30 P.M. in Room 100.

Dr. Humiston said that it seemed to him Council would be out of order to change Brown & Caldwell's plan on the basis of Harstad & Thomas's report without asking their opinion on the recommended changes.

Gil Schuster agreed that the Public Works Department would certainly contact Brown & Caldwell on the matter.

Mr. Anderson said it was customary for the City to pay the moving charges for Department heads, and since Gil Schuster had moved from Auburn to Tacoma to fill his position, the moving charges of \$201.76 should be paid by the City. It was then moved by Mr. Anderson that the amount of \$201.76 be paid. Seconded by Mr. Easterday. Carried unanimously on roll call.

Roll Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent: 0.

Mr. Anderson said he felt the City employees should be commended for contributing to the United Good Neighbors drive over 100%. He suggested that some comment on this in the City employees' newsletter would be appropriate.

Mayor Hanson said he and Dr. Humiston were preparing to leave for the American Municipal Association Convention in Boston, and they would also have the opportunity of meeting with the C.A.A. officials and stop at Indianapolis to check on the matters in reference to the Simulation studies being made there. Therefore, he felt it would be to the City's advantage to have Mr. Rowlands accompany them as he has been present at all phases of the airport discussions. 470

Mr. Bratrud moved that Mr. Rowlands accompany Mayor Hanson and Dr. Humiston on their trip to Boston. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Motion carried. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0;

Mr. Anderson left at this time.

Mr. Easterday said he was still in favor of the one cent gas tax, which would net the municipalities of the Government nine million dollars a year. Tacoma, having 5% of the population of Washington, would realize \$450,000 from the extra penny. 469

Mr. Rowlands said he and Mr. Anderson had attended the meeting of A.W.C. last Monday. He said they wanted to find out what legislation the Board was going to sponsor, and what the individual cities were to sponsor.

Cities throughout the State feel they need 25 million dollars for their minimum operation budget. They hope the legislature will give consideration to taking off the top of all revenues coming from various sources promulgated in the Revenue Act of 1935. However, he said, as a result of Mr. Easterday's proposal, the attorney's staff will prepare an alternate to have ready at the time.

Mr. Rowlands said that the Mayor had distributed memos in regard to the appointing of a Beautification Committee for Tacoma, and because of the approach of the World's Fair, it was important that this program get under way.

Mayor Hanson said any suggestions would be appreciated and they would submit a list of names soon for Council's approval.

Mr. Rowlands said there was a meeting last week with the State Highway Department, and they expect to know within the next few weeks whether they can use the Lincoln Gulch for excess dirt from the Freeway. It will be cheaper for the State to move and relocate the City utility lines than to truck the dirt further.

Mr. Rowlands explained inasmuch as the Mayor and Vice-Mayor will be out of the City at the next Council meeting on December 1, 1958, he suggested that the Council appoint a Mayor Pro-tem for the meeting. It was moved by Dr. Humiston that Mr. Bratrud be elected Mayor Pro-tem for the Council meeting of December 1, 1958. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Carried unanimously. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mr. Rowlands asked that a letter from President Eisenhower be read thanking the Police Department for the Cooperation and kindness extended to him and his staff during his visit to Tacoma.

Mr. Rowlands said in regards to compensation time for City employees, 495

they have been working with the Joint Labor Committee trying to come up with a satisfactory plan. He said the plan will have more vacation for older employees and less for new employees. They would like in the near future to submit such a plan to Council for approval.

Mr. Rowlands explained he would like some guidance from Council regarding the third item on the Agenda entitled "proposed policy regarding installation of small pumping stations and sanitary sewers, L.I.D."

A few weeks ago the LID Committee deferred action on an LID petition for grading and paving which had been submitted by Fick Foundry. Other property owners in the area opposed the paving, but were very much in favor of sanitary sewers.

In order to make the sanitary sewers work properly, a pumping station should be included. The price now is \$3.25 a foot assessment for the installation of sanitary sewers in any neighborhood. Should the additional amount of approximately \$15,000 for the pumping station to serve that area be considered a part of the overall basic sanitary sewerage system of the City, or should that particular pumping station be included in the L I D.

Secondly, there is a large residential area that also needs to be served before any buildings can be constructed in the North end of the City. In order to do that, a pumping station will be required to serve that area.

Council should also keep in mind that approximately \$25,000 will be required to change the sanitary sewerage system in Lincoln Gulch. The State should take care of storm drains and water lines, but the City is responsible for sanitary sewers.

Council's advice is desired as to whether a special assessment should be made, or if the pumping station should be paid for by the Sewer Fund.

Dr. Humiston said he felt it was the intention of Council to apply the \$3.25 a foot to residential neighborhoods; but whether it applies to industrial districts is questionable. Mr. Rowlands said the policy up to now has been to treat both areas alike.

Mr. Schuster said that the cost is not much different between a residential and an industrial sewer L.I.D. He said when they get into an L I D such as this where a pumping station is required, they want to be consistent. If they are to figure it as part of the City's system in the industrial area, it should be considered the same in a residential area.

As to the financial problem under the present sewer rate, we have a limited amount of money available for capital improvements. There is fifty thousand dollars budget for next year. Some of that is used for replacement and extension of sewer lines, but if pumping stations have to be financed out of the funds, other programs will have to be cut.

Mr. Rowlands said he felt this pumping station problem was very important. If the Council is going to make an adjustment in the sewer rate, these stations can be financed by the Sewer Utility Fund which is financed by all of us. That is why we recommend continuing with the front foot basis and making the pumping stations part of the system in all areas, consistent.

Dr. Humiston said he agreed with Mr. Rowlands and he also felt that a pumping station was in the same category as a treatment plant. He said they had an Ordinance on file which provides for this approach now and should be checked before any action is taken. Mr. Rowlands said that he would review the Ordinance.

City Council agreed that the pumping stations should be considered part of the system.

Mr. Rowlands said if there were certain alternates to be taken, and if the timing is not quite right and things are done prematurely, costing more, it should be explained to the developer that if he does not want to follow normal engineering procedures, that a premium must be paid to get the work done. He said all these items would be reported as they occurred.

Mayor Hanson said that the general policy matters should be looked at and be presented in a more formal manner. Mr. Rowlands said this would be done.

Mr. A. Berg of Berg & Sons on 13th & Commerce was present complaining of favoritism shown in parking in the area of the construction of the Greyhound Bus Company. He asked Mr. Rowlands if there was any favoritism shown to any individual doing business in the City of Tacoma. 150

Mr. Rowlands said that under certain circumstances there has to be adjustments and common sense applied when there are unavoidable situations. Mr. Rowlands asked Mr. Gaisford to explain why this has been a difficult situation and what they are intending to do.

Mr. Gaisford said that during the construction of the Greyhound Bus Depot there has been a problem of parking. This problem has not existed only with this Company, but with other companies that have been built or remodelled in the City. He said rather than issuing parking tickets, they have tried to be lenient and doing the best they can to meet the situation.

Mr. Rowlands said that Mr. Berg had talked with him on numerous occasions and felt that he has been very reasonable about the whole matter. He said several days ago he suggested that the buses coming in, loading passengers, be relocated somewhere else pending the completion of the Bus Station; and also that several of the Greyhound buses be moved from the street and meters be placed in some alley. This has already been done, he added. He asked Mr. Berg if he would be patient and bear with them, and he was sure matters could be worked out. He felt that it was for the public's interest to accommodate the people using the buses for the means of transportation.

Dr. Humiston said he felt there should be some provisions made for the bus depot during the construction period.

Mayor Hanson requested that Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, look into the matter to see if anything further can be worked out with Mr. Berg.

There being no further business or comments from the audience, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

  
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President of City Council

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