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COUNCIL CHAMBER 2:37 P. M.

Monday, January 3, 1955.

Council met in regular session. Present 7; Battin, Bråtrud, Goering, Hooker, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 2; Humiston (for entire meeting) and Stojack, taking his seat at 7:40 P. M.

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue, 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 carried; Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Humiston, Stojack.

PETITIONS:

G. W. Victor, for renewal of license for public dance hall at Merry-Max Ballroom at 3605 South 52nd Street. The Fire Chief recommends the petition be denied because of seven violations of Ordinance No. 12967, listed herein. The City Manager concurs in the recommendation. It was moved by Mr. Perdue to concur in the recommendation. Motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Humiston, Stojack.

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 14130.By GOERING:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for L. I. D. 2214, for grading, surfacing and cement concrete sidewalks on North 27th Street from Baltimore Street to approximately 260 feet east of Baltimore Street, and cement concrete sidewalks on the east side of Baltimore Street from North 26th Street to approximately 150 feet north of North 27th Street, to Kendall Construction Company on its low bid of \$2,643.10.

Adopted on roll call January 3, 1955.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Humiston.

Resolution No. 14131.By GOERING:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for widening intersections at East 34th and McKinley Avenue, East 35th and McKinley Avenue, East 43rd and McKinley Avenue, and Harrison Street and McKinley Avenue, constituting Work Order 6062-B to A. R. Bergersen on his low bid of \$4,323.19.

Adopted on roll call January 3, 1955.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Humiston.

Resolution No. 14132.By BATTIN:

Approving recommendations of the Purchasing Agent and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for furnishing all the gasoline needs of the City of Tacoma, Tacoma School District No. 10, Metropolitan Park District for general and supply dock purposes, the Town of Ruston and the Town of Fircrest, for the calendar year 1955, to Tidewater Associated Oil Company on its low bid in the estimated amount of \$118,000.00. MR. Backstrom reported that the Utility Board had not officially approved this action, and suggested the resolution be laid over for one week, pending the Board's approval. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Jensen that Resolution No. 14132 be laid over for one week to January 10th. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jensen inquired what type of gas was being used at present, and Mr. Backstrom advised that beginning the first of the year the majority of General Fund vehicles were being operated with regular gas. The question was brought up as to whether this was

also the policy of the Utility Board, and the Clerk was directed to forward this suggestion for economy to that department.

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Resolution No. 14133.

By BATTIN:

Rejecting all bids received for Improvement No. 4545, covering the channelization of South Tacoma Way at South 66th Street, South 74th Street, South 37th Street and South 40th Street, and specifically the bid of George Madsen, d/b/a George Madsen Co.

Adopted on roll call January 3, 1955.  
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Humiston.

Resolution No. 14134.

By BATTIN:

Approving recommendations of the Purchasing Agent and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract for the furnishing of the annual supply of lubricating oils and greases for the calendar year 1955 to Richfield Oil Corporation as the lowest and best bidder, in an estimated amount of \$5187.80; awarding the contract for furnishing of the annual supply of kerosene for the year 1955 to Shell Oil Company upon its low bid of \$0.1825 per gallon, in the estimated amount of \$1825.00. Mr. Backstrom reported that the Utility Board had not officially approved this action, and suggested the resolution be laid over for one week, pending the Board's approval. It was moved by Col. Hooker to lay Resolution No. 14134 over for one week to January 10th. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15208.

Vacating the alley between Cedar and Junett Streets extending from South Tacoma Way on the South to Northern Pacific Railroad right of way on the north, being the alley between Blocks 11 and 12 of Junett's Addition; and a narrow strip of land extending between Cedar and Junett Streets along north side of Blocks 11 and 12 and between Northern Pacific Railroad right of way and Lots 1 and 2, Block 12, and Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 11, Junett's Addition. Read by title and placed in order of final reading. (Petition William J. Parker, et al)

Ordinance No. 15209.

Repealing Ordinance No. 11262 entitled "An ordinance creating a special fund to be known as the Garbage and Refuse Department Reserve Fund out of the surplus revenues of the Garbage and Refuse Department, and prescribing the purposes for which said fund may be used." and providing for the disposition of any moneys in said fund. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15202.

Amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 14024, entitled: "An ordinance creating and establishing a fund to be known as the "Sidewalk Construction Fund" for the purpose of financing the construction of sidewalks and sidewalk repairs, under the provisions of Chapter 177, Laws of Washington 1949; and providing for payments and advances into said fund and for expenditures therefrom." Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Humiston.

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Ordinance No. 15203.      L I D 4528.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for Local Improvement District No. 4528. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Humiston.

Ordinance No. 15204.      L I D 4530.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll for Local Improvement District No. 4530. Read by title. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Humiston.

Ordinance No. 15205.      L. I D 2183.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for Local Improvement District No. 2183. Read by title. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Humiston.

Ordinance No. 15206.      L. I. D 2204.

Approving and confirming assessment and assessment roll for Local Improvement District No. 2204. Read by title. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Humiston.

Ordinance No. 15207.

Ordering the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks, gutters and curbs along and driveways across sidewalks and other appurtenances and works necessary thereto; providing for the payment therefor; stating the amounts of cost to be borne by the City Street Fund; and directing the levy of special assessments according to benefits upon the respective abutting properties. Read by title. The Clerk reported that the City Attorney's Office has advised that a number of changes and corrections are necessary before this ordinance is passed, but as yet all the information has not been received, and he has requested that passage of the ordinance be laid over for one week. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the ordinance be laid over for one week to January 10th. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack, and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Humiston.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A detailed "Report on Basic Considerations for Refuse Collection activities" was presented by L. P. Staman, Director of Public Works, and each Councilman was furnished a copy of same. Mr. Staman explained this report to the Council and with the help of a wall map illustrated that 3/6 of the revenues as well as the garbage and refuse come from the business center, with a center gravity point near 11th and Market, and the remaining 3/6 from the north, south-west and east part of town. The advantages and disadvantages of establishing dumps or fills in any of the three outlying districts mentioned above were discussed at length, and it was evident that the distances any one truck would require to serve the town were considerably longer.

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that the present 18.2 miles in each instance. Mr. Jensen pointed out that the dump was a small part of the expense of operation, and that the big cost was truck mileage and said he would like to see a break-down on mileage costs. The life of the present dump on the tideflats was brought up for discussion and Mr. Hiberly said he was of the opinion it was good for another 10 years at least. Mr. Bratrud questioned the advisability of allowing county operators to use this dump, even though they paid for the privilege, instead of conserving it for the City's purposes, when it might hasten the time a new dump must be provided at considerable expense. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Bratrud remarked that these discussions would not solve the financial problem of the Garbage Department, and as far as he could see the only solution was to raise rates and after that make efforts to economize wherever possible. Mayor Tollefson was of the opinion that these discussions have clarified the City's need for a rate increase and that an ordinance should be presented for first reading to cover such increase in rates. Mr. Backstrom referred to recommendations contained in "C-M 63" (dated Dec. 20, 1954) for a 33-1/3% increase in rates, which he said would put the department on a paying basis as well as provide for replacement of equipment and set up a reserve fund for future needs. Mr. Gaisford pointed out that unless the department is put on a self-supporting basis it would have to go on an interest-bearing warrant basis, and explained to the Council what this would mean. Mr. Jensen said he felt that a 20% increase would be sufficient and that if the Department were presented with a tight budget, it would undoubtedly make every effort to put into effect every possible economy. Mr. Backstrom advised that an ordinance providing for the 33-1/3% raise in rates had been prepared for presentation at tonight's meeting. Moved by Col. Hooker that the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that garbage rates be increased to \$1.00. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously. Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Staman to present a report on the advisability of conserving the present garbage dump for City purposes, and he said he would compile this report. It was then moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that Rule 7, pertaining to filing of new matter for Council's consideration, be suspended in order to give first reading to Ordinance No. 15210, to provide for an increase in Garbage rates. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Ordinance No. 15210.

Amending Section 5 of Ordinance No. 10005 entitled: "An ordinance relating to health and sanitation; providing for and regulating the collection, removal and disposal of garbage and refuse and dead animals in the City of Tacoma; providing for the handling thereof exclusively by the City through its Garbage and Refuse Department; providing penalties for the violation hereof; repealing Ordinance No. 9845 and all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, etc." and declaring the effective date hereof. (GARBAGE RATE INCREASE of 33-1/3%) Read by title and placed in order of final reading. 422

Mr. Backstrom advised that, in accordance with authority granted by Ordinance No. 15211, Section 51, which provides that the City Manager or Director of Utilities, shall designate those classes of employment and conditions thereto for which overtime work will be compensated, he and Mr. Barline Director of Utilities have been working in an effort to standardize overtime throughout the City departments. He explained he has completed the General Fund Departments with the exception of the Police Department, which presents some problems due to man-power shortage. In many instances it is customary to allow time off (compensatory time) but this would not be possible in Police work, as the men are badly needed on the force. The other alternative would be to lengthen the work week to 42 or 44 hours, but he said he did not like to recommend this, but would rather recommend Police officers be paid hour for hour for overtime. He also stated the Utilities report will be ready next week, and in order to put the plan into effect as soon as possible, he has had an ordinance prepared to cover the Police situation by Amending section 51 of Ordinance No. 15106, which should be given first reading tonight. It was moved by Enl. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, that Rule 7, pertaining to the filing of new matter for Council's consideration, be suspended in order to give

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consideration to Ordinance No. 15211. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15211.

Amending Section 51 of Ordinance No. 15106 entitled: "An ordinance adopting the pay or compensation plan as contemplated by Section 6.9 of the City Charter; prescribing the salaries to be paid to nonselective officers and employees of the City; establishing the positions of the various departments of the City Government; etc" declaring the effective date; and declaring an emergency making necessary the immediate passage and taking effect of this ordinance. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Mr. Backstrom called attention to the "Street Lighting Bond Program Priority Rating based on accidents through 1953" and the City Street and Bridge Bond Project Schedule as set forth in C. M. #64, dated December 27, 1954, and said he would like some indication from the Council as to whether this meets its approval or whether they desire further information before taking action. Mayor Tollefson asked the views of the Council members on this matter, and several said they were well satisfied with the schedules and no one voice opposition.

Mr. Stojack inquired as to whether or not the minutes had been approved without correction before he arrived. Upon being informed they had, he called attention to a typographical error in the last item of business regarding the rezoning of the O'Flyng property at 52nd and Pacific, which should in two instances refer to C-2 District instead of C-1 District, and he moved that the minutes be amended to make this correction. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously.

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

\* Mr. Bratrud advised that progress is being made in the matter of "Terms of Occupancy of the County-City Building" and promised a report in the near future.

*J. A. Tollefson*  
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President of City Council.

Attest: *Josephine Melton*  
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City Clerk.

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