

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Monday, June 22, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9; Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson.

Mr. Rowlands said before the regular order of business began he was very pleased to announce that it has been recommended by the Award & Suggestion Board that three City employees receive awards for their very fine suggestions.

Evelyn Pasquan has won a \$100.00 award for her suggestion that lockers be established in the garage to store equipment that formerly had to be stored in specific cars. This will free 20 cars for wider use and eliminate the need of 5, thus saving \$1300 a year.

Helen Fickenscher's suggestion is for an improvement in the design of the validating machine used in the City Treasurer's Office which will show the amount paid on a receipt. This suggestion has earned for her a \$25.00 award.

Sam Rabjohn, of the Public Works Department, received a \$30.00 award for his fine suggestion that a shoulder protection plate be put on the street sweepers. This will protect the aluminum segment of the gutter broom and will reduce the equipment service. The saving to the City should be about \$200.00 a year.

Mayor Hanson presented the awards to the three employees and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

Dr. Humiston moved that the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Hanson said many people present were interested in Resolution No. 15792, and he asked that this be heard now.

Mr. Anderson moved that the rules be suspended so that Resolution No. 15792 could be taken up at this time. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15792

BY MAYOR HANSON:

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Affirming that the conditions set forth in Ordinance No. 16381 shall in no way constitute or be considered as a basic hourly rate upon which future negotiations in respect to wages and working hours and conditions shall be conducted and carried on in the same manner as heretofore conducted upon the basis of the total compensation received for such 56 hour work week as the basic monthly salary.

Mayor Hanson said this was in conjunction with Ordinance No. 16381 which amends the Official Code in reference to the Pay and Compensation Plan to conform to the request of the Washington Minimum Wage and Hour Act. The Ordinance will receive first reading today.

Dr. Humiston said since Resolution No. 15792 would be meaningless unless the Ordinance passes, he moved that the Resolution be postponed for one week. Seconded by Mr. Bratrud.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like to bring the Council up to date on what has taken place in the past two weeks. Several meetings were held with the representatives of the Union, with Chief Fisk, the City Attorney and the Personnel Director, regarding the Ordinance. The representatives of the Union felt that this Resolution should accompany the Ordinance, thus stating definitely the policy to be followed. He added, the Resolution simply provides that future negotiations, with respect to wages and working hours and conditions, shall be conducted as in the past on the basis of the basic monthly salary, and also in the event the Minimum Wage and Hour Act becomes inoperative, or is not held to be applicable to the City, then the Compensation Ordinance will be amended to reflect the basic monthly salary without reference to an hourly rate.

Mr. Ketter said the time and effort the City has spent in working this matter out is much appreciated but, as is the case many times, in taking the subject up with the Firemen there are repercussions. A few men are present today who wish to speak.

Mr. Tom Haneline, representing Firefighters Union No. 31, said Firemen are as civic minded as any other group. They have no desire to bankrupt the City, but they do feel that their work week should be shorter. In Tacoma, Firefighters have worked 56 hours a week for over 10 years. Each year, since 1949, they have negotiated for a shorter work week. A fireman's job is like none other in the world. Each person within Tacoma becomes a potential patient for the resuscitator. Every structure is a potential fire. Every car and truck becomes a candidate for fire and rescue. No hour of a fireman's work day is free of the knowledge that the next moment may entail considerable hazard, possible injury and death. They are constantly expanding their professional skills. Firefighters no longer lounge in the station waiting for the bell to ring, but are in full accord in all fire prevention activities and all pre fire planning. Their work load has increased; most heavily in the field of first aid, rescue and resuscitation. Firefighting activity is no longer confined to standby emergency service. It is felt that shorter hours would not only improve morale, but would give the firefighters additional incentive to work more intensively for the betterment of their service.

Mr. Haneline added that many of the objectionable features of this Ordinance have been deleted, or amended, by constant negotiation. However; the basic Ordinance is still distasteful to most firefighters. Therefore, as a group and as a matter of policy, Firefighters Local No. 31 registers an official protest against the passage of this Ordinance. They ask the City Council to recognize their position. They are the only group of City employees working a 56 hour week, and they earnestly seek the Council's consideration and good faith in negotiations toward our request for a shorter work week in 1960. This new "Wage and Hour Law" merely points up a trend toward shorter hours.

Mr. Sulgrove, an attorney, said he has been asked to express a few views of the firemen on this proposed Ordinance. They are very much concerned about this minimum hourly wage, particularly in reference to their pension. The proposed Ordinance attempts to comply to the new State Minimum Wage Law by fixing a low hourly wage, thereby protecting the City from paying substantial sums for time over 40 hours. If this were the only way this could be accomplished without increasing the burden on the City during the present blighted year it would seem justifiable. The Firemen are intensely opposed to establishing an hourly wage of \$1.65. The wage proposed is entirely unrealistic and does not compare with the actual hourly wage which they are receiving at the present time.

Mr. Sulgrove added, that many different opinions have been issued on the new State Minimum Wage Law; therefore, he could see no reason for Tacoma to take it upon itself to "lead the field" and insist on the passage of an Ordinance which is not only distasteful to the Firemen, but feared to be dangerous to the Firemen's Pensions.

Mr. Sulgrove said this was not the only way to settle the question. The Act itself, in Section 4, provides for agreement as the result of collective bargaining by representatives of employees. A contract could be entered into between the City and the Firemen providing for a monthly wage based on a 56 hour week. By law the City is compelled to contract with electrical workers, and there is no logical reason why this can't be done with the Firemen. Therefore, it is their proposal that the City Manager and the City Attorney work this out by a contract, and they respectfully ask that the Council kill this Ordinance and so instruct the City Manager. If this Ordinance is forced upon the Firemen, a possible initiative or referendum would be invited, which may be more drastic than a reasonable contract.

Mayor Hanson said our effort here is to give the Firemen everything that was given them at the last budget hearing.

Mr. Rowlands said this matter was explored in considerable detail the past two weeks by the Legal Department, and he asked Marshall McCormick, City Attorney, to explain why the "contract proposal" was considered undesirable.

Mr. McCormick said it could be done by an agreement, but according to the Law the agreement would have to provide for a specified regular rate of pay, and it must be hourly. He pointed out that an agreement with this fixed hourly rate minimum would have to be voluntarily signed by the Firemen. The Ordinance does this, but the Firemen object to it strenuously. Even if we did have such an agreement the present Pay and Compensation Plan would have to be amended in such a way as this Ordinance does now. He said he knew of no County or City that used the agreement method, or the Ordinance method, without setting up the amount of the hourly rate. This is an absolute necessity in order to prove that time and one-half is being paid. Because of these reasons the Ordinance was thought to be the best method.

Mr. Rowlands said it should be mentioned that the Ordinance spells out that the basic monthly rate, including overtime, has been included in the salary schedule to show the equivalent monthly pay which Firemen shall receive. It also changes the pay period to a 15 calendar day basis eliminating any variance in pay between pay period. He also emphasized that everyone consulted agrees that this Ordinance protects all pension and disability rights.

Mr. McCormick said, for many years the Firemen have been paying into retirement on the basis of a 56 hour minimum work week. This Ordinance does not change that one bit. The pensions will be handled in the same way as in the past.

Mr. Dunbar, a representative of the Firemen, said they are still of the opinion that this Ordinance is unnecessary. This has been borne out by recent events where the overtime provisions of the Minimum Wage Law have been declared unconstitutional. Another thought is that an opinion, dated May 29th, from the Attorney General stated that the amount of overtime paid under this law must be based on a regular rate of pay. This regular rate of pay for the Tacoma Firemen was determined at the budget hearing last year, and he was sure, if this were taken into Court, a Judge would fix the rate of pay for purposes of this law as the one that has already been set for the year of 1959 by the Compensation Plan passed by the Council. Therefore, he would rule that this Ordinance would have no effect and it would prove further that this Ordinance is needless and affords no protection to anyone.

Mayor Hanson said it is quite evident that this is a difficult problem. He then called for a vote on Dr. Humiston's motion to postpone this Resolution one week to correspond with the final reading of the Ordinance. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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The regular order of business was then resumed.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the petition of Western Greyhound, for the vacation of the easterly two inches of Pacific Avenue between South 13th and South 14th Streets.

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Mayor Hanson explained that it was the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission that this petition for the vacation of the easterly 2 inches of Pacific Avenue between South 13th and South 14th Streets be approved.

Mr. Anderson said, hearing no objections, he moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the petition. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15788

BY PORTER:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the State of Washington, State Highway Commission, pertaining to the placing by the State of an earth fill in Lincoln Gulch as a part of the foundation for the south approach to the Yakima Avenue Bridge.

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

Adopted on roll call June 22, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15789

BY PRICE:

Authorizing the Auditor of the State of Washington to withhold funds from the State Motor Vehicle Fund in the approximate amount of \$3,088.14 in the event said budgeted funds available for payment on June 30, 1960 are not sufficient to pay the entire cost of compacting a portion of the earth fill in Lincoln Gulch.

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

Adopted on roll call June 22, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15790

BY ANDERSON:

Awarding contract to J. D. Shotwell Company for L I D 4500 in the amount of \$39,609.95 which is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

Adopted on roll call June 22, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15791

BY HANSON:

Approving contract between the Western Clinic of Tacoma, Washington and the Police Pension Board of the City for the members of the Police Department insofar as the furnishing of medical services and supplies for members of said Department and further authorizing that the payment for such supplies and services herein approved and authorized be paid for out of the Police Pension Fund.

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

Adopted on roll call June 22, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15793

BY HANSON:

Adopting the General Specifications for Street and Sewer Construction, City of Tacoma, Department of Public Works, dated March, 1959, containing Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 as the official specifications of the City of Tacoma.

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

Adopted on roll call June 22, 1959
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Hanson said he has been informed many people interested in MC 263 under Unfinished Business desire to have this matter discussed at the present time, and also Ordinance No. 16380.

Mr. Anderson moved that the rules be suspended to take up MC 263 and Ordinance No. 16380 at this time. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. Roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MC-263 - Taxicab Stands

Mr. Rowlands said many meetings were held with the representatives and legal counsel for the various taxicab companies in Tacoma after a letter was received approximately 2 months ago from Attorney Neil J. Hoff, representing the Crosstown, Washington and K Street Cab Companies, requesting that an open Taxi stand be established at the Greyhound Bus Station. The experiences of other cities, reports of our Traffic Engineer, police and traffic officials, were considered. This study resulted in the opinion, on page 2 of MC-263, that the present taxicab stand arrangement is properly serving the public interests; that an open stand in

the vicinity of the Bus Depot could readily cause an undue amount of double parking and other traffic violations which would not be beneficial to the parking or traffic conditions at this locality. Also, the officials of the Bus Station, appear to be entirely satisfied with the present arrangements.

Mr. Neil Hoff, Attorney, said basically the reason for his clients' objections is that closing out this traffic center to other taxicabs is working a severe hardship on them. The Bus Station is a common carrier, as are the Railroad Stations which have open taxi zones. There should not be any discrimination. Proper regulation and traffic controls should prevent traffic congestion. He said he thought it should be recognized that Tacoma is getting bigger and that this policy should be in keeping with that fact. He said the only conclusion he could come to as why Oliver Cab Company is opposing this, is because it will mean a loss of some private revenue for them. He said he also has had requests for a proposed stand at the County-City Building because of the high concentration of people in the area caused by the consolidation of governmental functions, and the inevitable increase in office and business buildings in the area makes it imperative that an open stand be established.

Mr. Binns, Attorney for Oliver Cab Company, said it seems significant that the present inquiry arises from no public complaint, no suggestion of abuses or inadequacy of service, but only from the desire for a larger "piece of the pie." He said, contrary to belief, the increased business of the new bus depot has not benefited Oliver Cab Company. Their 14th Avenue stand is hard to see from any part of the depot. Because of this they rented 2 spots for cabs from the Greyhound Depot in their parking lot. Even so, these 2 cabs made 413 less trips in the first 28 days of April, 1959 than they did in April of 1958. This is due perhaps to the fact that Greyhound has a parking lot for customers where cars can be left while traveling by bus.

Mr. Hoff said he felt the question here was not the amount of business being done, but that the Council must be careful not to use the police powers of the City to legislate unnecessarily, or deny a general right of pick up and delivery at common carriers.

Mayor Hanson requested that Marshall McCormick furnish the members of the City Council with a legal opinion regarding the right of the City, under its Police powers, to maintain a closed taxi stand in front of the Greyhound Bus Depot since it is a common carrier. He also asked that the Council be informed on any developments in regard to "open taxicab stands" in front of the County-City Building. He said he was of the opinion that it would be convenient for the public to have a taxi stand in front of the building.

Mr. Porter suggested that a loading zone for private automobiles be established in front of the building.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16380:

Amending Title 5 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new chapter to be known as Chapter 5.46 - relating to Housing establishing minimum standards governing all buildings used for human habitation, authorizing inspection, establishing a board of appeals and fixing penalties for violations thereof. Read by title and passed. 165

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

Mayor Hanson said the ease of passage does not eliminate the fact that certain difficulties will arise from time to time. He said that all the time and

effort spent on this Ordinance by the various people is much appreciated.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16381:

Amending Sections 1.12.290, 1.12.330 and 1.12.600 of the Official Code of the City in reference to the Pay and Compensation Plan to conform to the request of the "Washington Minimum Wage and Hour Act." Chapter 294 Laws of 1959. The Ordinance was read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16382:

Amending Chapter 1.12 of the Official Code of the City by adding a new section to be known as Section 1.12.155 - relating to pay and compensation. Read by title.

Mr. Paul Nolan, Utilities' Attorney, said this Ordinance will properly provide for the compensation of employees on major independent construction projects designated pursuant to Sec. 1.24.980 of the proposed Civil Service and Personnel Rules. This will provide a flexible and practical method of providing for the compensation of employees hired on these temporary projects, both in the General Government and Utilities. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16383:

Adopting the Civil Service and Personnel Rules pursuant to Section 6.14 of the City Charter and repealing and re-enacting Chapter 1.24 of the Official Code of the City of Tacoma. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16384:

Amending Chapter 2.01 of the Official Code of the City relating to dangerous buildings. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands said this was necessary to coincide with the new state law. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16385:

Amending Chapter 5.12 of the Official Code of the City by amending Sections 5.12.210, 5.12.420, 5.12.450, 5.12.460 and 5.12.500 and repealing Sections 5.12.230, 5.12.240 and 5.12.260 - relating to health, sanitation and meat inspection. Read by title.

Dr. Fargher said this will make our Code conform with the new State Law in the meat inspection program. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16386:

Amending Chapter 6.28 of the Official Code of the City by adding 10 new sections to be known as Sections 6.28.050 to 6.28.140 inclusive and amending Sections 6.28.020, 6.28.030 and 6.28.040 - Relating to licenses and taxes - Music Machines. Read by title.

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Mr. Rowlands said this Ordinance has been drawn up in the form proposed at the request of Mr. Robert Comfort, Attorney, who is representing 8 local juke box operators. It is designed to keep racketeering elements out of the music box operation.

Mr. Easterday said this Ordinance would prohibit juke box operators from doing business in other chance or amusement devices and he wondered why this had been included in the Ordinance.

Mr. Robert Comfort said his clients believe it would be healthy to separate the other line of coin devices from the music box field.

Mr. Easterday asked what was unhealthy about a man owning a shuffleboard and a music box?

Mr. Comfort replied that the door is opened to such things as the "recipe" machines, the gambling devices the Police Chief found here and removed a year ago.

Dr. Humiston said he could see where 2 groups might be affected by this: The one juke box operator not represented by Mr. Comfort and the people in the shuffleboard, punchboard business who may want to get into music machines.

Mr. Comfort said it is their desire to work out something reasonable for all parties concerned so that the music box operation business will be protected against the racketeering elements that have invaded the field elsewhere in the country.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16387:

Granting to the Washington Natural Gas Company the right to engage in the business of selling, distributing and supplying gas to consumers within the City of Tacoma. Read by title.

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Mr. Rowlands said the present Franchise expires the middle of this month and this is a renewal of the Franchise for a period of 25 years at 2%. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16388:

Amending the Official Code of the City of Tacoma by adding to Title 2 new sections to be known as Sections 2.15.101 to 2.15.420 inclusive, repealing Chapter 8.68, relating to weights and measures. Read by title.

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Mr. Joe Durnin said that at the last legislative session a new weights and measure act was passed for the State. The State Act and this Ordinance follows closely the recommendation of the National Bureau of Standards in their proposed model. The Ordinance under which the City is presently governed, was passed in 1913; the last amendment to that was 22 years ago, so it can readily be seen an up-to-date Act is desirable. One example is that today many commodities are pre-packaged, and the proposed Ordinance gives authority for these products to be checked and certified, thus assuring the public of correct weight. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16368: (Postponed from June 8th)

Amending Sections 1.12.290, 1.12.330 and 1.12.600 of the Official Code of the City in reference to the Pay and Compensation Plan to conform to the request of the "Washington Minimum Wage and Hour Act." Chapter 294 - Laws of 1959. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said this is final reading of an Ordinance that has been perfected by Ordinance No. 16381, which was up for first reading today. Therefore, he called for a motion to table this Ordinance.

Mr. Anderson moved that Ordinance No. 16368 be tabled. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

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

Ordinance No. 16377:

Amending Ordinance No. 15037 - authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into a contract for the furnishing of water with the Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma and setting forth the provisions of said contract. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16378:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by deleting a portion of Section 13.06.040 and by adding a new section to be known as Section 13.06.120 (10) - property adjacent to the N. W. corner of North 26th and Pearl Streets. (Petition of National Bank of Washington). Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16379:

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney to purchase or prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the condemnation and acquisition of certain lands for the construction, installation and maintenance of a storm sewer in Northwest Tacoma. Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City Planning Commission, approving special use permit for the use of Fire Station No. 3 as a youth recreational center and setting forth certain conditions for the use thereof.

Mr. Rowlands said the Planning Commission approved this special use permit under certain conditions. He asked the City Council for authority to prepare, with the help of the City Legal Department and other staff members, a contract with the Tacoma Youth Center Organization for use of this Fire Station as a teenage recreational center.

Dr. Humiston moved that Mr. Rowlands be requested to have this contract prepared. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call: Ayes. 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

City Planning Commission, submitting policy on private residential developments similar to North Shore Properties, Inc.

Mr. Rowlands said a memorandum was sent to the City Council as a result of a draft prepared by the Planning Commission. The two existing methods of regulating the subdivision and development of land are pointed out in this brief. However, with the North Shore Properties there was an unusual situation in which a third procedure for the development of residential property has been worked out by the North Shore Properties, Inc. This memorandum states that the present two methods set by Ordinance for the development of land are designed to promote and protect the general public welfare, and insure that at least minimum standards for development will be met. The basic question is whether land development resulting from the "North Shore" procedure will be conducive to the general welfare of the City. Because this North Shore Development is still in the early stages of construction, it will be some time before this can be fully answered. If studies show public interest has been adequately protected, the "North Shore" method should be regularly established for the use of any land owner in the City.

Mr. Buehler said the Commission has requested the Planning Department Staff to prepare a semi-annual report on this development, the first one to be completed September 1, 1959, in comparison with regular subdivision developments to aid the Planning Commission in formulating their recommendation on this matter. Until further experience with the North Shore property development is available, the Planning Commission recommends that other land owners be encouraged to use the two procedures established by Ordinance for land development and asks that they be advised if Council does not concur in this policy.

The Council concurred in the Planning Commission recommendation.

MC-264 - Follow-up information--South Federal Way Annexation.

Mr. Rowlands said at the meeting with the residents of South Federal Way on April 21, 1959, additional information was requested by some of the persons attending regarding postal service and the adjustment of school district boundaries in the event of annexation. This MC, Mr. Rowlands said, should answer those questions.

Mr. Rowlands distributed at this time a report which he explained was compiled at the request of the Brown's Point Improvement Club. They are expressing real interest in becoming a part of the City; therefore, they asked that certain questions be answered and also that the City supply them with annexation petitions.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Police Department for the month of May, 1959.

Mrs. Goering asked if any answer had been sent in regard to a letter received from the Tacoma Association of Colored Women in which they ask that an investigation be made into improving the procedures of the law enforcement agencies in finding unconscious persons on a street or in a public place. They felt it should be provided by Ordinance that such persons should be examined by a doctor before being placed in detention.

Dr. Humiston said he thought this was a matter of administrative policy rather than of an Ordinance.

Mr. Rowlands said he would have a report for the Council on this matter soon.

Mrs. Goering said she understood that Mr. Rowlands and Mayor Hanson were flying to Washington D. C. for a meeting with the Federal Aviation Agency and wondered what they hoped to accomplish.

Mayor Hanson said the purpose of this trip is to emphasize the need for an Airport and check the findings in simulation studies.

Mr. Rowlands said the City can't understand why it has been put to so much time, expense and trouble when all the information shows the Peninsula site to be the only logical site. West Coast Airlines won't land anywhere near McChord Airforce Base and the Fort Lewis area. The Military doesn't want civilian planes and industry doesn't favor a military site. Rumors are that the Indianapolis study did definitely indicate that an airport on the Peninsula site, with a slight re-alignment on the runway, would be feasible. From experience, it has been found that once the F.A.A. issues a report it is difficult to change their mind. So, based on the information received from Senators Magnuson and Jackson, and Rep. Tollefson, we thought it would be advisable for us to personally give them the facts and defend the city's proposed Peninsula airport site.

Mrs. Goering asked if it was determined that there was no way to work out such a deal within a reasonable amount of safety, is it not their purpose then to go back there and argue against such a decision.

Mayor Hanson said that they certainly would not advocate an airport if it was not safe. It is believed the simulation studies are in Tacoma's favor, and they want to be sure careful consideration is given these findings.

Mr. Anderson said he had heard Mr. C. Davis Weyerhaeuser, Vice President of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, had left for Washington D. C. and will attend the meetings.

Mr. Rowlands said that was true and that James C. Buckley of New York, the City's airport consultant, would also be there.

Mr. Anderson said he thought personal contact is the best way, and he was glad the Mayor and Mr. Rowlands were going back and he hoped they came back with the Airport.

A copy of a letter from Homer King was distributed to the members of the Council objecting to Tacoma City Light Department borrowing funds from the general fund of Tacoma City Light for construction of the Cowlitz Dam, and also a letter from Mr. King asking what date the Council will set for inviting Prof. Robbins to address the Council on comparative costs of Electric Power Generation.

It was the concensus of the Council that an address on this subject would accomplish nothing.

Mayor Hanson announced that Lt. Carl Peterson of the Police Youth Guidance Division, Albert Hayes, Stadium High School Vice-Principle, and Mrs. James Stewart, Park Board Commissioner, had been appointed by their departments to the Teenage Dance Board. He said Harold Bird withdrew his appointment made last week, and although a replacement is needed for him, the Board has been constituted and announcement of its first meeting will be made soon. The other members of the Board are Mrs. Howard C. Tatman, Herbert E. Erickson and Councilwoman Ellen Price.

Dan Hall, of the Tacoma Timing Assn., invited the City Council members to attend the Shelton Airport drag races Sunday, June 28. He said the last event

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the members were invited to was rained out.

Mayor Hanson thanked him for the invitation and said those able to attend would contact him.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.



President of the City Council

Attest: 

Acting City Clerk