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Utilities Building Auditorium, 7:30 P.

Monday, March 18, 1957

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson. Absent 1, Jensen.

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Dr. Humiston that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Council member be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14938: X

L I D 1921:

BY JENSEN:

Fixing April 16, 1957 as date for hearing on L I D 1921 - sanitary sewers in Cleveland Way, Canal Street, St. Paul Avenue, East 11th Street, East 15th Street and East J Street.

Adopted on roll call March 18, 1957
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Resolution No. 14939: X

L I D 1964:

By PERDUE:

Fixing April 16, 1957 as the date for hearing on L I D 1964 - sanitary sewers from a point in existing pipe between Alaska Street and Asotin Street 290 feet north of South 74th Street, thence East to Asotin Street, thence South to South 76th Street; also in Alaska Street from existing manhole.

Adopted on roll call March 18, 1957
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Resolution No. 14940: X

L I D 1968:

By HUMISTON:

Fixing April 16, 1957 as date for hearing L I D 1968 - sanitary sewers on South Bell Street from South 64th Street to South 68th Street.

Adopted on roll call March 18, 1957
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Resolution No. 14941:

By GOERING:

Designating Frank Evans, local Director of Civil Defense, as the representative of the City of Tacoma to receive and handle surplus property for Civil

Defense, and authorizing him to bind the City to the particular terms and conditions of transfer which are or may be imposed by the execution of the Form HEW 135 or the state agency warehouse issue sheet.

Dr. Humiston said he felt the last two sentences giving the Civil Defense Director power to delegate the authority to such people as he wishes, are too broad in their scope, and asked if it is essential to include these two sentences. Attorney McCormick advised that the resolution must be in the form submitted by C. J. Eisenbacher, Deputy Director of Department of Civil Defense of the State of Washington, and the wording of Resolution No. 14941 is exactly the same as the model resolution. Dr. Humiston said he approved the resolution with the exception of the two sentences, which he felt should be deleted. After further discussion, it was decided that the City Attorney would look into the possibility of excluding these two sentences from the resolution. It was then moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Dr. Battin to lay the resolution over for one week to March 25th. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen.

City Manager Rowlands advised the Council of a Resolution which was prepared too late for the agenda, but which should be adopted at tonight's session. It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue that Rule 7 (relative to filing of new matter) be suspended for consideration of Resolution No. 14942. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen.

Resolution No. 14942:

By TOLLEFSON:

Settling claim of Marvin Lea and Mary Lea, husband and wife, in the sum of \$850.00 for injuries sustained by Mary Lea as a result of a fall on an alleged defect in a sidewalk between South 6th and South 7th Street on Sprague Avenue.

City Attorney McCormick advised that this case comes up in Court next Monday. The settlement agreed upon is to the advantage of the City, Mr. McCormick stated, because a jury usually awards the plaintiff the larger amount.

Adopted on roll call March 18, 1957
Ayes 7; Nays 1, Goering (Not voting); Absent 1, Jensen

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15831:

Appropriating from the Sewer Fund the sum of \$14,286.71 for purpose of paying the balance of the cost of a survey by Brown and Caldwell, heretofore authorized by the 1956 Budget; and declaring a public emergency making necessary the appropriation herein authorized. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen

Ordinance No. 15832:

Amending Ordinance No. 14793 - ZONING ORDINANCE - by adding thereto one new section to be known as Section 9N. (C-2 District at SE corner of South

30th and Pacific Avenue - Petition of Wellman Building Co., Ind. 1-28-57.)

Mr. Rowlands said he felt passage of this ordinance should be held up until after the hearing on the Freeway tomorrow night to ascertain whether or not the property involved will be needed for this project. In the event it must be acquired for the Freeway, the Highway Commission will have to pay more for the reason that the C-2 classification will tend to enhance the value. Mr. Stojack pointed out that the Council is by this Ordinance rezoning the property upon which the Wellman Building is located, and to allow them to extend their parking lot for 200 feet instead of 100. Mr. Rowlands said that at present the property is now restricted to the use it is now being put to, while a change would make it possible to use it for any purpose in the C-2 category.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to postpone the ordinance for one week to March 25, 1957. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen.

Ordinance No. 15833:

W. O. 7707:

Ordering the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks, gutters and curbs along and driveways across sidewalks; providing for payment therefor; stating the amounts of cost to be borne by the Sidewalks Construction Fund. (W. O. 7707) Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the assessment rolls for the cost of the following Local Improvement Districts:

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234 L I D 1957 - sanitary sewer on Alaska Street from existing manhole at South 60th and Alaska, south for 1,309 feet.

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234 L I D 1959: - sanitary sewer on South 19th Street from existing manhole at Prospect Street east for 615 feet.

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234 L I D 2244:- grading and oil mat surfacing on alley between North 38th Street and 39th Street from Proctor to Adams.

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234 L I D 4601:- grading and asphalt paving on North Warner from North 18th to North 19th.

234 It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Dr. Humiston that April 16th 1957 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls.

The report of the City Manager on the "Brochure of the Tacoma Police Local No. 252 entitled 'An analysis of negotiations for salary and working conditions for 1957' which was laid over to this date was brought up at this time. Mr. Rowlands advised that negotiations have not been completed as yet, and that there is to be another meeting on this subject this week and he asked to have it postponed. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to postpone this report for one week, Motion carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Jensen.

ITEMS RECEIVED FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

1. ✓ Report of the Police Department for the month of February, 1957
2. ✓ Report of cases in the Tacoma Municipal Court during the month of February, 1957.
3. x Report of Harbor Master for the month of January, 1957.
4. ✓ Report of the Director of Finance for the month of February, 1957.
5. ✓ Annual Report of the Traffic Engineering Department of Public Works for 1956.

Mr. Tollefson said, now that the Legislature has adjourned and, in view of the fact that all the bills relative to the Cowlitz project, which were passed at this session, were not exactly what the City of Tacoma desired, he felt the possibility of assistance from the Federal government should be thoroughly investigated. He pointed out that the license issued to Tacoma by the Federal government calls for considerable flood control work, and this is the feature on which he feels there is a good chance of receiving Federal funds. He suggested that the Army Corps of Engineers in Seattle and the Department of Interior be contacted to ascertain if there is any possibility of a partnership program between the City of Tacoma and the Federal government to build the Cowlitz project. It was moved by Mr. Tollefson seconded by Mr. Bratrud to direct the Mayor and City Manager to inquire into the possibility of obtaining Federal participation in the Cowlitz project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bratrud said he felt that the Council should have a meeting with the Utility Board to consider a change in the Cowlitz plans as a result of the action taken by the State Legislature. Council should be informed of the intentions of the Utility Department, the cost of the new dam, etc., before the City becomes involved any deeper, Mr. Bratrud added. Mayor Anderson said he would arrange a meeting with the Utility Board for 12:15 P. M. on Monday, March 25th, at the Winthrop Hotel, for this purpose. Mr. Bratrud said he would like to have this an open meeting, at which time members of the Press would be present.

In further discussion of the Cowlitz, Mr. Bratrud expressed displeasure at the manner in which negotiations with Legislators from Lewis County were carried on in order to get favorable action on the Cowlitz Bills. The timing was very bad, he claimed, since the negotiations were made at the last minute as a final attempt to obtain favorable action, while this should have been done earlier in the session.

Dr. Humiston, Dr. Battin and Mayor Anderson defended the agreement made with Lewis County by which they are to receive 10% of the electrical energy from the dam at cost and \$180,000 in addition as a payment by the City in lieu of taxes, claiming this was as fair and reasonable an agreement as could be made under the circumstances.

Mayor Anderson called on the representative of the Tacoma Timing Association at this time. Mr. Jim Brown, who represented the Tacoma Timing Association and the American Timing Association, addressed the Council. He advised Council that the sport of drag-racing started back in 1930 in California, and a strip requires a minimum length of 3/4 of a mile and a width of 60 feet. Automobile clubs became popular in 1948 in this locality, Mr. Brown said, but were unable to accomplish much until they banded together as the Tacoma Timing Association. At the present time Shelton is the nearest strip, Mr. Brown stated.

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The Tacoma News-print Company has given them a strip near the Roy-Y which they have fenced at a cost of \$1,200, he advised. Their problem is finances as it will require approximately \$80,000 to build the strip, Mr. Brown stated. In reply to a question from Mayor Anderson as to what they would want Council to do, Mr. Brown said they would like the Council's moral support and the help of City equipment, such as graders, in putting the strip in condition. Mayor Anderson said as this was outside the limits of the City of Tacoma, it would not be possible to send City equipment there, but the Council would take their request under advisement and see what could be done toward obtaining the use of County equipment.

The meeting was opened to the public at this time. Mr. Otto Dunayski, 1016 South 8th Street, condemned the Utility Board for the present Cowlitz predicament. In view of the fact it has been necessary according to newspaper reports to spend over \$60,000 on attorney's fees to correct the mistakes of the Utility Board, the Council should abolish this Board, Mr. Dunayski said.

This board seems to take the attitude that City Light belongs to them instead of the Citizens of Tacoma, Mr. Dunayski said.

Mr. Bert Nelson, 701 Commerce Street, appeared before Council on the matter of pollution in Commencement Bay. He presented a lengthy "Resume of Background Information relating to Carsten's Packing Company", which he had obtained from the State Pollution Control Commission and was read in full by the Clerk at his request.

This plant is discharging fat waste into the bay at an appalling rate, and the waters are so polluted that millions of herring have been killed, Mr. Nelson stated. He also called attention to the numerous sanitary sewers which are pouring sewage into the bay from Point Defiance to Chambers Creek. Carstens has been procrastinating for over 11 years on their waste disposal solution, and he felt it was now up to Council to see that something is done to remedy this condition. He requested that samples of the water be tested to ascertain if there is any disease involved. He also suggested that Council set up a hearing with industrial plants, boat owners, boat house operators and the State Pollution Commission in an effort to solve this problem. City Manager Rowlands advised that members of the Public Works Staff are cognizant of the facts and are working on the problem and are in the process of preparing a report which he intended to submit to Council in the near future. They plan to meet with Kenneth Jones of the Pollution Commission shortly. Carstens has two alternatives in this problem, Mr. Rowlands said. They can either build their own disposal plant or build a connection to the City Sewer disposal plant, he added. A hearing on an L I D for sewers in the Tideflats area is scheduled on April 16th, and if approved this will make it possible for Carstens to connect to the City Sewer Disposal Plant. The sewers emptying into the Sound, mentioned by Mr. Nelson, are included in the Brown and Caldwell report, Mr. Rowlands added.

Mayor Anderson advised Mr. Nelson that the Council and Manager is trying to solve this problem and will work it out as soon as possible. The Mayor directed Mr. Rowlands to have samples taken of the water and report the analysis to the Council.

Mr. John C. Fry of 2609 N. 8th Street asked the City Council to pass an Ordinance to make it possible to hold "night Court" in the Police Department one night a week to accommodate the working man, who finds it an expensive affair to lay off work in order to appear in Court. Mayor Anderson said this suggestion would be taken under advisement.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

On the Sixth Avenue Dock proposition, Mr. Rowlands reported that the Public Works personnel met with the property owners on Wilton Road as directed by Council on February 25th. As a result of this meeting a means of ingress and egress has been worked out for these residents. Regarding the demolition of the Dock, Mr. Rowlands said it is his understanding that Council would like to have the dock torn down by Pierce County.

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Mr. Rowlands reported that as a result of the Car Pool, a savings of \$320.00 had been made in gasoline alone for the first two months of 1957.

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Mayor Anderson announced that the meeting was now open to the public for a public hearing of the City Charter.

No one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Anderson declared the meeting closed.

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Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 9:20 P. M.

John H. Anderson
President of City Council

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk