

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:45 P.M.
Monday, February 10, 1958

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

Mr. Stojack called attention to a correction in the minutes of the previous meeting where his name had been omitted from the roll call, with this correction, it was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Perdue the minutes be approved as corrected.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution No. 15217:

ANDERSON:

It was moved by Dr. Battin to suspend rules to consider Resolution No. 15217, which did not appear on the Council Agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack.

Extending condolences to family and friends of Robert S. Temme, former Commissioner of Public Safety for the City, upon his death.

Adopted on roll call February 10, 1958
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16049:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to buildings; adopting the American Standard Safety Code for Elevators, Escalators, Dumbwaiters, 1955 Edition. Read by title.

Mr. Anderson thanked the elevator code committee on the work they did in preparing this ordinance.

Mr. Ward Hanson, representing the Elevator Constructor's Union, explained that the new code will regulate all new installations and will be governed by the code that covers the National Standards along with a few provisions on the present installations. In fact, he said, the new code will regulate all new installations and will be governed by the recognized National Standards that is recognized throughout the country by the building owners, manufacturers and architects.

Mr. K. J. Pierson, explained that the primary emphasis in any elevator code is the adoption of certain Recognized Standard requirements for Minimum Standard requirements for new installation of elevators. The other part of any code is to establish certain reasonable, minimum standards of safety that will protect the general public as far as existing elevators are concerned.

He said there is nothing in this proposed ordinance that is unduly restrictive. It is only the minimum that is necessary to eliminate the definite hazards that the records of the Elevator Industry, Insurance Companies and records of other Municipalities has shown to be the troubled spots, and those are the particular hazards that this minimum standard is aimed at.

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Pierson in preparing this ordinance if they took similar ordinances from various cities and studied them before this was compiled, and how many States in the United States have a state code.

Mr. Pierson said they had studied ordinances of similar nature from other

cities and States, and that there were approximately two-thirds of the States on the state level and most of the major cities of any consequence consider it enough of a problem that they want to have some standards of their own on the Municipal level. He said he feels this ordinance is an approach to the minimum standards of safety.

Mr. Gillis said he would like to point out that this is the first elevator ordinance the City of Tacoma has, ^{had} up until now they have not had any control over elevators. The ordinance is adopting the National Standards for new installation. He explained that this ordinance sets up a Board of appeals representing the owners, Installers Insurance Company's to review decisions in the event there is a misunderstanding from time to time from the owners of some of the installations. He said they anticipate going back into these old installations and may have difficulty from time to time from the owners of elevators, escalators concerning the requirements, so they have set up a Board of Appeals to review decisions.

Mr. Gillis said that a major inspection is made once a year on passenger elevators and every six months there will be a lessor inspection. He said at the present time many of the elevators are covered by Insurance and their Insurance inspectors make inspections on the elevators for the purpose of ascertaining the risks involved. The State Department of Labor and Industries are inspecting those elevators where the employees of that organization are covered by Industrial Insurance. Other than that there is no inspection at the present time, he added.

Mr. Tollefson complimented the Committee in bringing in this elevator code before the Council for adoption.

Mr. Rowlands said he would like to have a minor change made in the ordinance on page 4 under (7)-a- the factors of safety, based on the static loads of 100 lbs. per sq. ft. shall be for trusses and structural members (3) instead of reading (5). Moved by Stojack, seconded by Dr. Battin that the factors of safety, based on the static loads of 100 lbs. per sq. ft. shall be for trusses and structural members (3) instead of reading (5). Roll was called Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1 Humiston. The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16046:

LID 5159:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for LID 5159 - Watermains in Oakland and Hillcrest Community area bounded by South 28th Street, Lawrence Street, South 40th Street and Mason Avenue. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Stojack (not voting); Absent 1, Humiston

Ordinance No. 16047:

LID 4634:

Providing for the improvement of LID 4634 - paving and storm drains on South 39th Street, South 54th Street, South 55th Street, South 53rd Street, Sheridan Avenue, D Street and J Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16048:

LID 5290:

Providing for the improvement of LID 5290 - cast iron watermains in the area bounded by North 46th Street, Pearl Street, North 48th Street, Shirley Street, Ruby Street and Orchard Street. Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

LID 1964 - Sanitary sewers on Alaska and Asotin Streets between So. 72nd Street and So. 76th Street. X

LID 4616 - Cement concrete pavement on the alley between Puget Sound and Union Avenues from North 18th to 19th Streets. X

It was moved by Mr. Stojack that March 18, 1958 be fixed as the date for hearing thereon. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

The Director of Utilities presents the Assessment Roll for the following district:

LID 5285 - 6-inch cast iron watermain in East Wright Avenue from East D Street to McKinley Avenue, together with the necessary appurtenant equipment, including gate valves, specials and connections, etc. X

It was moved by Mr. Stojack that March 18, 1958 be fixed as the date for hearing thereon. Motion seconded by Mr. Tollefson and carried unanimously. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Humiston.

Mr. P. J. Gallagher president of the Washington Gas Dealers, Pierce County Chapter asked that a study be made of the possibility of an ordinance relating to the building of Service Stations in the City of Tacoma. He said the City has been deluged with a number of major oil Company's building service stations in excess of \$89,000 to \$100,000. X

He said a few of the Service Station owners are at the mercy of these major Oil Company's. Today there is nothing been done in the City of Tacoma in governing signs, and governing building of Service Stations, which has been done in Portland, Puyallup and other surrounding areas.

He believes it it time that Tacoma, in eliminating blighted areas, should consider the building of service stations in the City of Tacoma.

Mayor Anderson advised that a study would be made on this matter and asked Mr. Rowlands to report back to Council on his findings.

Mr. Tollefson asked that in conjunction with Mr. Gallagher's request that a survey be made in the City as to the number of service stations per capita, as compared to other cities.

Mr. Tollefson reported that Mr. Fugate, from the Buckley Inc. called him to make a brief report relative to the work that has been done by the Company. He and Mr. Dickinson had been here approximately two weeks and Mr. Dickinson has gone back to New York and has taken with him all the statistics relative to the necessity of an airport for Tacoma and the financial feasibility. X
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These statistics will be reviewed by the home office and will be able to give us a report by February 15th, he said.

Lorraine Kane and Joy MacDonald students from McCarver School were introduced. X

X Mayor Anderson announced there would be a meeting with the Retirement Board at 3:30 on Tuesday in the Council Chambers and said he would appreciate it if they all would attend.

X Mr. Otto C. Dunayski said he noticed by the Tacoma Daily Index that bids were being called for ornamental street lighting on KSt. from Division at 19th; J. St. from Division Avenue to 11th; So. 9th from G. to Sprague; No. 26th from Alder to Union Ave. and from Union Ave. to Adams St. Olympic Blvd. from 6th Ave. to the Narrows Bridge. He said he surveyed the entire area and there were ornamental lights of some type already installed. He said every so often it comes up before council as to how they are going to light the arterial highways, and spend maybe \$66,000 over a period of 6 years. He criticized the city in spending money to replace ornamental lights that now exist, as this money could be better spent in other parts of the City. He felt that good judgment was not being used in selecting the streets on which lights are to be installed.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, explained that if the Council recalls these particular projects were recommended by the Citizens Committee back in 1954 and many of the same members are on the Citizens Committee for street lighting in 1958. These projects were reviewed and it was felt because of the sub-standard amount of lighting being distributed by these old fashioned lights that these streets should be properly lighted and this is the reason that this program was included. As far as the residential street lighting is concerned the \$66,000 that was referred to by Mr. Dunayski has nothing to do with the arterials, that is in this 5 year plan, that is being proposed as the City's share in the participation for residential lighting.

This is something that is being carried over and has been recommended to Council by the citizens group as being definitely required to provide proper lighting and prevent accidents and to give proper illumination.

Council then adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Attest:

Josephine Meeter
City Clerk

John H. Anderson
President of the City Council