

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, November 19, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call: 6: Battin, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson, Anderson. Mr. Stojack took his seat at 7:36 P. M. Absent 2; Bratrud, Jensen.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Battin, 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 5; Nays 1; Goering (not voting) Absent 3; Bratrud, Jensen, Stojack.

At this time Mayor Anderson welcomed a group of young ladies from the Junior League, who were visiting the Council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:Resolution No. 14822.By HUMISTON:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to sell approximately 26,500 pounds of obsolete cast iron consisting of ellis, couplings, joints and universal pipe to Western Utilities Supply Co. for the sum of \$728.75 plus sales tax.

Adopted on roll call November 19, 1956.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bratrud, Jensen, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14823.By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to sell 25 defective transformer coils (copper with paper insulation) to Jerome E. Norton for the sum of \$.22 per pound plus sales tax.

Adopted on roll call November 19, 1956.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bratrud, Jensen, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14824.By HUMISTON:

Authorizing proper officers of City of Tacoma to sell approximately 40,000 pounds of junk copper insulated to Jerome E. Norton for \$.2182 per pound plus sales tax.

Adopted on roll call November 19, 1956.  
Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Bratrud, Jensen, Stojack.

Resolution No. 14825.By GOERING:

Approving recommendation of the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for furnishing seven police special four-door sedans to Walker Chevrolet Company on its low bid of \$13,894.79.

Adopted on roll call November 19, 1956.  
Ayes 6; Nays 1; Stojack (not voting) Absent 2; Bratrud, Jensen.

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Resolution No. 14826. x L I D 1966.

BY GOERING:

Fixing January 2, 1957 as the date for hearing on L I D 1966- laying local sanitary sewers starting at a point on East 68th Street approximately 100 feet east of the east boundary line of East B Street, thence east to the existing trunk sewer a distance of approximately 416 feet.

Adopted on roll call November 19, 1956.  
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Jensen.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15746.

Authorizing the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, to interchange surplus power with generating utilities and establishing rate of payment therefor. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15747.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Pierce County, for purpose of acquiring a tract of land for the construction of a substation for the City of Tacoma. (In the Peninsula Area approximately 2½ miles northwest of the west end of the Narrows Bridge.) Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15748.

Vacating all of North Starr Street lying between Blocks 74 and 75 of Tacoma Tide Lands and extending from the Northerly line of Ruston Way to the Inner Harbor Line. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15749.

Vacating plats, portions of plats and all streets, avenues and alleys within the Port Industrial Development District described herein. Read by title. Mr. Tollefson said he felt, for the City of Tacoma's protection, a letter should be obtained and placed on file from the Port of Tacoma, stating they will cooperate with the City of Tacoma and that they agreed to furnish deeds and rights of way whenever necessary for the City's future development in the Tide Flats area. Mayor Anderson instructed the City Manager to obtain such a letter from the Port Commission in order to protect the City. The ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15743. L I D 5270.

Approving and confirming assessment roll for L I D 5270-- cast iron water main in East B Street from East 58th Street to East 60th Street. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Jensen.

Ordinance No. 15744. L I D 1963.

279 Providing for construction of sanitary sewers beginning at lamp-hole in South 65th Street, located approximately 270 feet east of L Street and running east in South 65th Street to a point 5 feet east of the center of K Street, thence south in K Street to a point 5 feet south of the center of South 67th Street, thence

west in South 67th Street approximately 185 feet; creating L I D 1963. Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Jensen.

Ordinance No. 15745.

Amending Ordinance No. 14892-- GENERAL LICENSE ORDINANCE-- by adding there-to four new Sections to be known as Section 75, 75A, 75B and 75C. (Licensing installation of Burglary and Theft Prevention devices and equipment.) Read by title. Mr. Rowlands advised that after a conference with Chief Kerr and representatives from the Police Department and American District Telegraph Co., the ordinance was revised and this revised version is before Council for consideration tonight. Motion of Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to amend Ordinance No. 15745 to conform to the copy furnished Council members tonight. City Attorney McCormick advised that the principal change made was to set up two licenses, one a master license and the other a mechanics' license. The revised ordinance also exempts the owner of a building from either a master or mechanics' license, if he installs burglar alarm equipment on his own premises, Mr. McCormick advised. Holders of mechanics' licenses must be fingerprinted and must furnish a picture, and the Police Department must investigate and make recommendation to the City Manager before the license can be issued, he added. Roll was then called on the motion to amend, which was adopted on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Jensen. Roll was then called on the passage of the ordinance as amended.

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Jensen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presented the assessment rolls for the cost of the improvements in the following local improvement districts:

<sup>436 - 105</sup>  
L I D 2221-- crushed rock oil mat on South "C" Street from South 76th Street south for approximately 600 feet;

<sup>47: 151 - 105</sup>  
L I D 4569--for grading, asphalt paving, concrete curb and gutter on North 28th Street from Stevens to Cheyenne.

<sup>47: 152 - 105</sup>  
The Director of Utilities submitted the assessment roll for the cost of the improvement in L I D 5250-- cast iron water mains in Frace Avenue from North 38th to North 46th and in North 43rd from Lexington Street to Frace Avenue.

It was moved by Mr. Tollefson, seconded by Mr. Stojack that Wednesday, January 2nd, 1957 at 7:30 P. M. be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Jensen.

This being the date fixed by Resolution No. 14805, adopted by the City Council on October 22, 1956, for hearing on the petition of W. I. Nunes, et al for vacation of Ferdinand Street from North 9th Street to North 10th Street, the hearing was held at this time. The Clerk reported the posting of the notices required by law and the filing of an affidavit of such posting. Also reported that a fee of \$50.00 had been paid by the petitioners and that no remonstrances had been filed against the proposed vacation. The Clerk reported that the Department of Public Utilities has no objection to the vacation provided payments made by the petitioners for the cost of rearranging the existing electrical distribution system, which is estimated at \$200.00. She also advised that the Public Works Department approved the vacation if the following items are met to the satisfaction of the department: (1) a 20' easement be reserved for an existing sanitary sewer and that a stipulation is made that the existing manhole be accessible for maintenance work at all times; (2) that sidewalks on the north side of North 9th and the south side of North 10th be joined; (3) that a 20' alley right-of-way be deeded back to the City to provide ingress or egress to the existing alley; (4) that the petitioners show a sketch or descriptive plan of the proposed use of this requested vacation.

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Mr. Buehler of the Planning Commission advised that the Commission has approved the vacation subject to the conditions stipulated by the Public Utilities and Public Works Departments, and that the petitioners have agreed to meet these conditions. Mr. J. W. Gleason, one of the petitioners, was present and advised the Council that the property is now covered with weeds and that it is planned if the street is vacated, to build two houses on this land, which will improve the area. There would be no advantage to open Ferdinand Street between North 9th and North 10th as the street is now dead-headed at North 9th, he added. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Dr. Humiston, that the petition be granted and the City Attorney authorized to draw the necessary ordinance vacating the street. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Bratrud, Jensen.

**Items received for filing in the Office of the City Clerk:**

- (1) Personnel Report to Administrative Officials for the month of October, 1956;
- (2) Report of the Director of Finance for October, 1956.

Mrs. Goering gave a very informative and interesting report on her recent trip to Memphis, Tennessee on behalf of the City of Tacoma's presentation of its report to the jury of municipal experts in the "All American Cities Contest" sponsored by Look Magazine and the National Municipal League. The final decision of the judges will not be made public until the middle of January, she reported. Mrs. Goering said that after hearing all the twenty-two cities present their cases, she would pick the following as winners in the order listed: (1) Brattleboro, Vermont, (2) Tacoma, Washington and (3) Elgin, Illinois. Mrs. Goering thanked the City Council for sending her on this mission.

**City Manager Rowlands reported verbally on the following matters:**

- (1) Mr. Rowlands advised that the words "or local sewers" in L I D resolutions, which was questioned by Dr. Humiston on October 15th Council meeting, is used to distinguish a local or lateral sewer from a trunk sewer. In order to clarify this, in future resolutions it will read "laying local sanitary sewer" Mr. Rowlands stated.
- (2) Mr. Rowlands advised that the City Planning Commission recommends the City of Tacoma take no formal action on the "All-weather short route tunnel on the Naches Pass Route through the Cascades" which was urged in a letter from Pomona Grange No. 16 (8-6-56). The Planning Commission feels that the City of Tacoma should take no action which will tend to divert funds or attention away from presently-planned state projects which are of vital interest to the citizens of Tacoma, such as the Tacoma-Seattle-Everett freeway and the short route to Snoqualmie Pass, Mr. Rowlands advised.
- (3) Mr. Rowlands submitted a report from City Treasurer Lyle Lemley, which stated that the policy established by his office approximately three years ago was to charge \$10.00 for each district involved when a request is made to clear the cloud on a title due to uncollectible L I D assessments, which amply reimburses the City for the service involved in issuing the deed required. The reason \$20.00 was charged in Resolution No. 14816, adopted November 5, 1956, was that two districts were involved against the same property, Mr. Lemley's report stated.
- (4) Mr. Rowlands reviewed the matter of utilizing the Dock at the end of 6th Avenue, as requested in the petition of Mrs. Edward P. Byrne, et al (6-18-56) and briefed the Council on the progress to date. Commissioner Geiger, in whose district this dock is located, is considering removing the south half which is in the most dangerous condition, Mr. Rowlands advised. The north half can be rehabilitated at a cost of between \$13,000 and \$14,000, to be used for recreational facilities, he added. In view of strong tides at this location and the fact that there are boat docking and boat rental facilities nearby, Dr. Battin questioned the feasibility of repairing this dock for recreational purposes. It was decided that action be held in abeyance until County Commissioner Geiger makes his report.

Mr. Rowlands furnished each Council member with a copy of "Revised Proposals

By Tacoma for 1957 Legislature Action " which had been compiled at the request of the Association of Washington Cities. Mr. Tollefson said he believed the Council should be briefed on these proposals by the City Manager. Moreover they should be approved by the Council before they are submitted to the Legislature, Mr. Tollefson added. Mr. Rowlands agreed to explain the suggested proposals to Council two weeks from tonight, December 3rd.

X Mr. Stojack brought up the condition of the alleys in the City, which are <sup>200</sup> in a deplorable condition, as they have not been graded for several years. A number of these alleys are used by the City Garbage trucks, which is one of the contributing factors to the present condition of these thoroughfares, he contended. Mr. Stojack asked the City Manager to investigate this situation by spot checking alleys in various parts of the City, and to endeavor to formulate some plan to repair same and to report back to Council his findings and recommendations.

Mr. Tollefson advised that he has received an appointment to the Committee for Urban Renewal at the A M A Convention in St. Louis, November 25th to 28th. He would like a copy of the proposed bills, which are to be submitted to the Washington Legislature at the next session, before he leaves for St. Louis on Friday, Mr. Tollefson stated.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:10

P. M.

  
President of City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk.