

Council Chambers, 4:00 P. M.  
Monday, November 23, 1959

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. - Absent 1, Anderson. Mr. Anderson coming in at 5:00 P. M.

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that the minutes of the meeting of November 16, 1959 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

At this time Mayor Hanson said he had a request from Mr. Jerome Davis who would like to speak on the Airport proposition. Mayor Hanson said if there were no objections, he would allow him to speak at this time.

Mr. Jerome Davis, speaking on the airport proposition, said he felt the people had a right to vote on this supplemental appropriation. Since the public approved the Airport Project a few years ago it has come to light that much more money than anticipated is needed and he knew that many voters have changed their opinions on the subject. He said he thought it would be wise to postpone this Airport issue until after the hearings. This would still give the Council time to get the necessary report back to Washington D. C.

Mayor Hanson advised Mr. Davis that this would be discussed further later during the meeting.

#### HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date set for hearing on the petition of Donald C. Wick, et al, for the annexation of property in the vicinity of Waterworks Road near Brown's Point Boulevard. 356  
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Mayor Hanson said it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the annexation be approved.

Mr. Buehler, Director of Planning said the necessary affidavits as required by State Law for the 75% of the assessed valuation and the boundary descriptions have been verified by the Engineering Department of the City, and are included in the request.

No one present to object to the annexation, it was then moved by Dr. Humiston that the necessary Ordinance be drawn providing for this annexation. Motion seconded by Mr. Easterday. Voice vote was then taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

This is the date set for hearing on the petition of H. O. Smith, for the annexation of property in the Brown's Point area in the vicinity of the Cliff House. 356  
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Mayor Hanson said this application also has the approval of the Planning Commission.

No one was present to object to the annexation, therefore, it was moved by Dr. Humiston, that an ordinance be drawn for the annexation. Motion seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote was then taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

**PETITIONS:**

457 Petition from O. H. Brasier, requesting the rezoning of property located at South 45th and M Streets be rezoned from an "R-2" District to an "R-3" District.

Referred to the City Planning Commission.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

By Easterday:

Approving and accepting the plat of Mt. Tahoma Meadows, located between Mason and Ferdinand Street extended south of South 71st Street.

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

Mr. Buehler, Planning Director, said this Plat has been checked with the Engineering Division. All of the descriptions have been found to be accurate and there is a sufficient cash bond to complete the construction of the streets to the standards required on new subdivisions.

Voice vote was then taken on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Mayor Hanson said there were two Ordinances prepared by the Utilities Department that do not appear on the agenda that should be considered under First Reading of Ordinances by the Council. Mr. Easterday then moved that the rules be suspended to place Ordinances, numbers, 16462 and 16463 on the Agenda for First Reading. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:****Ordinance No. 16462:**

Amending Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Ordinance No. 14386, relating to the issuance of Electric Plant Revenue Bonds for completing the construction of hydro-electric plants and facilities on the Cowlitz River. Read by title.

**Ordinance No. 16463:**

Authorizing the issuance and sale of Special Obligation Bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$122,500,000 to be known as the "Light and Power Revenue Bonds of 1960." and repealing Ordinance No. 15100 and 15101. Read by title.

Mr. Dean Barline, Director of Utilities, advised that in connection with these Ordinances, that Ordinance No. 15101 was formerly passed by the Council authorizing the issuance of bonds for said project in the total amount of \$146,000,000. He then pointed out that Ordinance No. 16463 amends the former Ordinance, No. 15101 by authorizing the total amount of bonds to be issued in the sum of \$122,500,000 which is approximately \$23,500,000 less than formerly provided for. He further explained that this difference was by reason of the change in the design of the Mossyrock Dam from a concrete type dam to an earth and rock fill dam. He further stated that part of the difference also was due to the fact that approximately \$11,000,000 has been expended on the Cowlitz Project from other available funds of the Light Department to date, as the result of the change of design. The total amount necessary to complete the project was therefore estimated to be \$122,500,000 instead of \$146,000,000 as provided in Ordinance No. 15101.

Mr. Barline further pointed out that there were other changes in the proposed Ordinance which were requested by the City's Bond Counsel and its Financial Consultants who felt that the changes proposed would make the bonds more attractive and result in a better interest rate for the City when the Bonds are sold. The name of the bonds have also been changed from the "Cowlitz Power Development" to the "Light and Power Revenue Bonds of 1960". This change was felt will eliminate the confusion that might result from the fact that other Cowlitz P. U. D. Bonds have been issued.

Dr. Humiston asked Mr. Barline if this proposed Ordinance constituted the blanket authority to the Utility Board to issue \$122,500,000 in bonds for the completion of the whole project.

Mr. Barline replied that this proposed Ordinance would provide for the funds necessary to carry out the plan and system in the construction of said project, as specified and adopted in Ordinance No. 14386 as amended. He further explained that these bonds would be issued in series from time to time in amounts specified by the Utility Board, the total of all such bonds must not exceed \$122,500,000.

Mr. Henry Carlbon, a citizen, pointed out to the Council that at the present time there is a petition being circulated to postpone the construction of the Cowlitz project to allow the people to vote on this issue at the next election in March. He requested an opportunity to meet with the Council members on the matter pertaining to the Cowlitz Project and at that time that they be furnished with the Annual Report of the Director of Finance for the year ending December 31, 1958, the Department of Public Utilities Brochure of 1958, the Light Division monthly financial report also several ordinances that pertain to the Cowlitz Project.

Mayor Hanson said he would provide space for this meeting with Mr. Carlbon, but he could not guarantee how many would attend. He set the date of Monday, November 30th, 1959 at 2:00 P. M. in the Conference Room for this meeting.

Ordinance No. 16462 and No. 16463 were then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16450:

Granting the renewal of a franchise to the Consumer's Central

Hearing Company at a rate of 4%, effective January 1, 1960. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Ordinance was held over fifteen days after the first reading in order to meet the State Law requirements.

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

Ordinance No. 16458:

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Authorizing the issuance and sale of general negotiable bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of establishing an airport and other air navigation facilities. Read by title.

Mayor Hanson said several factors have arisen which have resulted in the increase in cost of the airport project. The major one being the realignment which will be necessary and the new Airport Bill which changed the Federal participation.

In order to preserve the tentative allocation and also to get the application for any additional funds the City has to guarantee approximately \$340,000 before the Federal Government will approve the application and make available the funds tentatively allocated.

This Ordinance fixes the amount of \$200,000 which is half of the estimated \$400,000 required for the construction of the Airport. It is necessary that this extra amount be guaranteed in the event the Federal Aviation Agency, in reviewing the application inquires into the area.

Mayor Hanson said it is still hoped that the Port Commission will be able to guarantee the other \$200,000. <sup>He advised that</sup> Senator Jackson made it very clear it is very difficult now and will become even more so, for Cities to receive Federal aid for Airports. He did emphasize that it is imperative for Tacoma to preserve its right to enjoy these funds.

Mr. Porter asked if this Ordinance is passed, and the Port is unable to commit the same amount, what can be done.

Mayor Hanson said as far as he can see, the only recourse would be to amend the application and hope approval will be given.

Mr. Rowlands said Senator Jackson emphasized the point that if this application is not properly submitted on or before December 15th, the City of Tacoma will have lost everything.

Mayor Hanson said everyone has agreed that an Airport is essential to the industrial growth of Tacoma. He said he regards this as the last opportunity for Tacoma to have even a chance of getting such facilities. The cost is not as important as the effect it will have on our future growth.

Mr. Rowlands said, in talking to the F. A. A. Officials a few weeks ago, they explained that in order for the City Council to submit its petition in time for the deadline, these assumptions could be made as the Mayor pointed out. Then after the hearing on December 2, 3 and 4, there will be a month or so before a decision is reached. He added that Mr. Drew and Senator Jackson both indicated that if an alternative site is chosen in the next year, the funds committed for an acceptable project could be transferred to another site by the Administrator.

Mr. Easterday said, last week he was very concerned about the desirability and necessity of having air facilities near Tacoma. Investigation revealed that the proposed site is only 7.6 miles closer to the Port of Tacoma than Seattle-Tacoma Airport, and besides, there are 14 stop lights in route to the proposed site plus a toll on the Narrows Bridge while there are only 2 traffic lights on the way to Sea-Tac. He said it seemed to him that these facts should be considered before the City "mortgages its future".

He said he felt in the not too distant future, McChord Field may be available to the City for Airport purposes.

He said he cannot see himself voting to give the Council more Budget headaches.

Mr. Porter asked if there were any steps necessary other than the passing of this Ordinance before the December 15th deadline.

Mr. Rowlands replied that the application form would have to come before the Council as a Resolution which will accompany the City's petition for funds. Essentially this Ordinance is the important action, however, he added.

Mr. Anderson coming in at this time.

Mr. Schuster said the application was almost complete now.

Mr. Porter moved that the Ordinance be postponed for one week so that the application can be completed before passage of the Ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Mr. Perdue said he felt the Council would be working against themselves by postponing action on this Ordinance. If the Ordinance is passed, there is a possibility the Port may reconsider its previous action and decide to go along with the City.

Mayor Hanson said he also could see no reason for postponing action. The issue should be very clear. "Are we willing to commit ourselves to this extent to obtain an Airport or not?"

Mayor Hanson asked if anyone present would like to express their views on the subject.

Mr. Lloyd Sass, Chairman of the Citizens Committee said if the Council shows its intention today by passing this Ordinance, it would be the greatest possible motivation for the Port to follow thru and reconsider its decision. The Port would then have to accept the responsibility that the question lies entirely with them.

Mr. Hans Lavik, said he was not in favor of the City going into debt to build this airport and asked that the Council defeat this Ordinance.

Mrs. Goering said she wanted to express sharp disapproval of the criticism of the Port voiced by City Officials. She said she felt when another official body makes a decision it should be received graciously by the Council. She said she had detected attempts in the past to "coerce" other elected officials and to make it sound as though they were trying to hold the area's development back.

She said the Port is not reversing its stand. They have never indicated it would be proper for them to pledge public funds. Their past action was to pledge Revenue Bonds. Now they are being asked to go farther with no opportunity for the people of Pierce County to vote on the matter. To say that they are now suddenly turning about face and making a radical departure from working with the City on this project is, an irresponsible statement.

Mr. Porter said he agreed somewhat with Mrs. Goering that they are not making friends by arguing with the various official bodies. He felt that best results can be obtained by being more diplomatic.

Dr. Humiston said he was of the opinion that passing this Ordinance for purposes of tactical pressure on someone else is highly improper. He said at first he intended to vote against Mr. Porter's motion to postpone action on this Ordinance, but now, was in favor of the postponement.

Mayor Hanson said on the other hand, the passage of this Ordinance could prove to the Port that the City is proceeding with what they said they were willing to do. If we do not take this stand, it could indicate we are not as serious as indicated.

Dr. Humiston said he felt this was no longer a question as to whether or not the Council will carry its end but has become a question of political tactics as to whether we should or should not by this method put public pressure on the Port Commission. Therefore he was in favor of postponing this for one week so that the Port Commission can act without pressure from the City Council.

Mr. Bratrud said he felt the Ordinance should be voted on tonight. The City should definitely take the leadership in this as we have in the past.

Mr. Rowlands said the Council should be reminded that Mayor Hanson and Mr. Anderson will not be at next week's meeting as they will be in Denver, Colorado at the American Municipal Association Convention.

Roll was then taken on Mr. Porter's motion to postpone action on this Ordinance until next week, Resulting as follows: Ayes 3; Nays 6, Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Perdue, Price, Hanson. The motion was declared lost.

Roll call on the Ordinance resulted as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 2, Easterday and Goering; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16459:

334 Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2285 for oil mat surface on South D from South 72nd to South 74th; South 74th from South D west to the alley; East G from East 88th to East 90th and on East C from East 60th to 300 feet south. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16460:

335 Providing for the improvement of L I D 6769 for modern lights at the intersections of streets on existing wooden poles in the vicinity of East 32nd and "R" Streets. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16461:

335 Providing for the improvement of L I D 5315 for cast iron water mains and fire hydrants in South 56th Street from Proctor to Tyler and in

Monroe from South 56th to South 55th Streets. Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works and Public Utilities presents the following assessment rolls for hearing:

L I D 4500 - paving on Division Lane from Tacoma Avenue to Fawcett; 37  
Thompson Avenue from South 50th to South 56th and South 46th Street from Thompson 495  
Avenue to K Street.

L I D 5305 - cast iron water mains in Winnifred and Shirley Streets 20  
from North 14th to North 18th; and in North 14th Street from Shirley to Winnifred. 468

It was moved by Mr. Easterday that January 12th, 1960 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion seconded by Mrs. Goering. Voice vote was taken on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

- a. Report from the Police Department for the month of October, 1959.
- b. Report from the Personnel Department for the month of Oct. 1959.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Rowlands said Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. there will be 20 year service awards given to about 86 employees.

Mr. Rowlands reminded the Council that the dedication of the new South Tacoma Library and Fire Station would be this Friday, November 27th, at 7:30 P. M. The Council members and anyone else wishing to attend were invited.

Mr. Rowlands announced that the bids for the baseball park would be 396  
opened next Monday at 11:00 A. M. To date 9 bids have been picked up by various 393  
contractors.

Mayor Hanson welcomed Dr. Humiston back from his trip to Japan 262  
and asked him to brief the Council on his trip. 403

Dr. Humiston said the past three weeks have been filled with pleasant and informative experiences that will never be duplicated. He said Mrs. Humiston and himself flew to Tokyo and took a plane to Osaka the next day where the Japanese-American Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce Officials was being held.

The Conference was conceived in the very early post war years by the then Mayor of Seattle and the then Governor of Tokyo. The idea behind the Conference was that those of us on the Pacific rim have problems which if discussed in a mutually effective way, could prove fruitful. He said he has been to many conventions but never has seen one as well organized and operated as this one.

The seriousness of the Japanese Officials towards the speeches, conferences, etc., was very impressive. The warmth of the welcome by these officials and the many courtesies extended to the visitors are rarely met with in this country. After returning to Tokyo, he and Mrs. Humiston took the Sleeper Railroad train down to Moji, which is one of five cities of the largest industrial complexes in Japan. Kokura and three other cities are part of this one Industrial complex.

Their welcome in the City of Kokura was overwhelming for the reason the interest in this Sister City Program and in making it effective is intensely felt by these people. He said he could assure the Council if he returned with any responsibility, it was to convince the people in the City of Tacoma that this is the attitude of the people in Kokura and that he will be very disappointed and unhappy if this is not matched in the City of Tacoma.

He said they talked to scores of Kokurans who have an intense interest in their Sister City and its people. They visited scores of elementary schools and they were provided with interpreters throughout their entire tour.

The three Japanese Newspapers, the third day, featured an article and also a picture of Mrs. Humiston telling of her events the day before.

Dr. Humiston distributed pictures to the Council that were taken in Japan. He pointed out that in one of the pictures a tree was planted in the Square in his honor, next to the one planted in honor of Mayor Hanson's visit.

He explained that much of his time was spent discussing the forthcoming Kokura Trade Fair to be held March 20th to May 22nd. Deadlines are to be met as far as Tacoma is concerned. The nature of Tacoma's exhibits must be known by December 15th. With the help of the people of Tacoma, they plan to have a "Tacoma Pavilion" to house these exhibits, which will be a real feature of the fair.

The celebration of the opening of the Fair will be on the 19th of March and they hope Tacoma will have a counterpart celebration here also. They are furnishing the building and the exhibits will have to come from the City of Tacoma. They desire exhibits which will show the people of Kokura as much as possible the habits and customs of our City.

Kokura indicated they will probably assume some of the expense. The question of laying out the building and designing the partitions is the main problem. It was suggested that someone would have to assemble the exhibits, and that these services might be performed by some local advertising agency at the approximate cost of \$1,100. Dr. Humiston said he thought this was a good suggestion, as it would no doubt cost more than that to send someone from Tacoma considering he would have to hire interpreters, etc.

Dr. Humiston said the Kokura Officials recommended that he consult a firm in Osaka to determine if they would undertake this task. Upon meeting with them, Dr. Humiston asked what the charges would be for setting up and decorating this exhibit. They advised they would submit an estimate the next day, which, when received, was written in Japanese, and as yet he has not received the translation.

Dr. Humiston said, our immediate problem, however, is the deadline. The Japanese desire to start construction not later than January 15th. Therefore, they must have a general knowledge of the exhibits by December 15th, which must be in Kokura by February 26th.



He said he thought an active subcommittee of the Sister City Committee should do this work inasmuch as there is an early deadline to meet.

They also wanted to know if anyone from Tacoma was planning to attend the opening ceremonies, and he told them Mr. Anderson expected to be there. He said he thought it would be a fine gesture if other citizens also attended the Fair, as well as Mr. Anderson.

Dr. Humiston said if we do not follow through on this, it will be about as low a blow as you could deal to these people in Kokura who have gone into this wholeheartedly. He added that there are three large Japanese papers, all of whom gave nationwide publicity to this Sister City Program, showing the whole-hearted support felt by these people.

Dr. Humiston said it was their privilege also to be granted an hour's time with Douglas MacArthur II, Ambassador to Japan who, Dr. Humiston said, is enthusiastic about this Sister City Program and its possibilities for greater understanding and improved relations.

Mr. Anderson, as Chairman of the Sister City, appointed Dr. Humiston as Co-Chairman on the Sister City Program.

Mayor Hanson said inasmuch as Mr. Anderson is so busy at the present time with the U. G. N. Drive, that perhaps Dr. Humiston, as Co-Chairman, could proceed with this project immediately. Mayor Hanson advised that he and the Council would assist in every way possible.

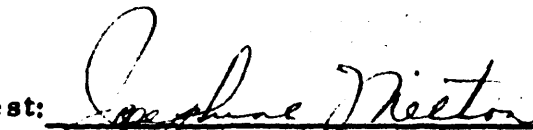
Mayor Hanson said before adjourning he would like the Council's opinion on the next step to take in regard to the Airport problem. He asked if the Port Commissioners should be asked if they will attend a joint meeting to re-discuss this problem. 382  
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The consensus of the Council was that a letter be directed to the Port Commission requesting such a meeting. If the Port declined the offer, then the only step left was to submit the application as it now stands.

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

  
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Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

  
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City Clerk