

City Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.  
Monday, March 21, 1960

The City Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8: Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Hamiston, Perdue, Porter, Price and Mayor Hanson. Absent 1, Anderson.

Mr. Perdue moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 1960 be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Mayor Hanson advised that at last week's meeting a petition was filed regarding a two-way traffic on Commerce Street which is, at this time, being checked by the Traffic Division of the Public Works Department. The hearing on this petition has been set for April 11th.

Mr. A. R. Warwick, who operates the Warwick Machinery Exchange at 1334 Commerce Street, asked to be heard at this time regarding this matter. He explained that the one-way traffic on Commerce Street has practically ruined their business. He pointed out that his parking lot at 15th and Commerce Street has lost a good number of their regular customers due to the one-way traffic.

Mr. Warwick said he had contacted Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, in January asking that the two-way traffic be restored; and indicated he was in favor of granting a two-way traffic only as far as 13th Street. He said he again contacted the City Manager on February 15th and also talked with Mr. Kosai, the Traffic Engineer, who advised if this change were made, it would disrupt their "Pattern" which has already been established.

Mr. Warwick asked that the streets in Tacoma be all two-way traffic. Tacoma does not have to copy Seattle or Portland; let's be original, he said. Many people who come to Tacoma are very upset at having to drive several blocks out of their way in order to go to a certain business which would otherwise be reached without any difficulty.

He told of a person from Seattle who intended to rent the old "Mecca Restaurant" and when he found it was on a one-way street, he would not sign the lease. He asked that the City Council take action to rectify this situation as soon as possible.

Mayor Hanson explained that this matter is being checked. The information the City desires is the reasoning behind the signatures on the petition for the restoration of a two-way street. The first step, he said, will be to contact the persons who signed the petition to ascertain their reasons and if they have any other solution to the problem. There has been no vested interest or ulterior motive behind changing Commerce to a one-way street; only for the benefit of the City and for the improvement of the downtown area. The City Council must have all the facts before them before reversing their decision and returning Commerce to a two-way street, he added.

Mr. H. J. Scovell, of Scovell's Service, 1120 Commerce, complained of the long distance that the Southend residents have to travel in order to park near the business they wish to patronize.

Mr. A. T. Snow said he was pleased with the one-way street as it is at present. It helped parking, in that, if there happens to be parking spaces on the opposite side of the street, a person can cross over without going around several blocks to turn around.

Mayor Hanson said he had hoped by the gathering of all this information they can gain the best solution for all concerned. He said a more detailed hearing will be scheduled for April 11th on the matter.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS:

This is the date to which the Council has continued the hearing from the meeting of September 21, 1959; for the utilization of the Old City Hall Building. Mayor Hanson advised that the hearing on the utilization of the Old City Hall Building would be held at the end of the regular agenda as Mr. Evans and Dr. Anderson would be delayed and wished to be heard on the matter.

This is the date set for hearing on the vacation of Windom Street from So. 35th to Center Street and Bean from Center Street to Lawrence. (Nalley's Inc.) Mr. Russell Buehler, Planning Director, said that several meetings had been held with representatives of Nalley's Inc. regarding this vacation in order to obtain adequate right of way on Lawrence Street with the vacation of Windom Street. The vacation of Windom Street is predicated on obtaining franchises from the Railroad and Gas Company, and that the existing utilities of the City be maintained on this property.

The School District did not desire that Windom Street be vacated as they need a right of way from their warehouse facilities. He said it was agreed between the Match Company and the Tacoma School District to give the necessary easement and also from Nalley's, so that the Schools would have access to the rear of their building. He added that the vacation could be authorized for Windom and Bean Street if the conditions outlined in the letter from the Planning Commission are met.

There being no questions from the Council, it was moved by Dr. Humiston that the proper Ordinance be drawn to effect this vacation. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Mr. Anderson.

PETITIONS:

Petition from Adaline Rose Hosfield, Guardian of the estate of Mary E. Eddings, requesting the rezoning of the property located near 3310-3313 No. 10th Street to be rezoned from an "R-2" District to an "R-3" District. Referred to the Planning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 16060:

BY GOERING:

Fixing Tuesday, April 26, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on L I D 6775 in the area between So. 36th and So. 40th from Hosmer to Sheridan; also in the vicinity of East 32nd and D Streets.

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

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16061:

BY PORTER:

Fixing Monday, April 18, 1960 at 4:00 P.M. as the date for hearing on the vacation of the southerly 17 feet of So. 8th from So. K Street to So. J. Street. (Petition of Tacoma General Hospital)

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

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Andersch  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16062:

BY PRICE:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to expend from the Equipment Rental Fund "Account B" the sum of \$6,807.13 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purchase of three 1960,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -Ton Panel Trucks (Paddy Wagons) and the sum of \$6,911.27 or so much as may be necessary for the purchase of three 1960-4-door Sedans "Police Special Type."

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

Mr. Rowlands explained that Resolution No. 16063 should be discussed first which is actually for the awarding of the contract. He stated that Resolution No. 16063 spells out the types of cars which the City desires to purchase. The three sedans are Plymouth's and the three panel trucks are Fords; the bids on both these types were the low bids. The funds for the purchase of these vehicles are budgeted in the 1960 Budget.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16063:

BY PERDUE:

Awarding contract to Titus Motor Company for the furnishing of three one-half Ton Panel Trucks (Paddy Wagons) together with optional equipment in the sum of \$6,807.13 including sales tax and awarding to Stevens Motor Company the furnishing of three four door Sedans together with optional equipment in the sum of \$6,911.27 including sales tax.

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

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson  
The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16064:

BY EASTERDAY:

Awarding contract to Carl T. Madsen, Inc. for furnishing material, labor and tools for the installation of street lighting in the Salishan District on their bid of \$9,800.00 including tax on Proposal No. 2, which is determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16065:

BY BRATRUD:

Awarding contract to Woodwrth & Company, Inc. for L. I. D. No. 4490 and Improvement No. 3013-A in the amount of \$89,265.80 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16066:

BY HUMISTON:

Awarding contract to George Madsen Company for L I D 2255 in the amount of \$8,922.30 which was determined to be the lowest and best bid.

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

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

Resolution No. 16067:

BY HANSON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an agreement with the Northern Pacific Railway Company providing for the installation of certain storm and sanitary sewer lines across the Railway Company's right of way.

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

Mr. Rowlands advised that this was in connection with the Wakefield Drive improvement, and the sewer line is being installed there at the present time.

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

Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson

The Resolution was then declared adopted by the Chairman.

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FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

## Ordinance No. 16540:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as Sec. 13.06.065 (6) to include property located in 6th Avenue between Walter Road and Titlow Road to be rezoned in an "R-4-L" Low Density Multiple Family Dwelling District. (Phillip Jacobs Petition) Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that the original request for this property was for a "C-2" District, but the Planning Commission recommended that it be rezoned to an "R-4-L" District.

Mr. Perdue asked if this was agreeable to the petitioner.

Mr. Buehler explained when the original petition for a "C-2" District was denied by the Planning Commission, the petitioner was given fourteen days in which to appeal. The petitioner was in attendance at the Planning Commission Meeting and did not appeal their decision. Therefore, it was assumed that he would go along with the "R-4-L" District as he could be covered under this District as well.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

## Ordinance No. 16541:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City by adding two new sections known as 13.06.050 (3) and Sec. 13.06.050 (4) and repealing Ordinances Nos. 16494 and 16533. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Ordinance was to correct a clerical error that was made which duplicated section numbers.

The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

## Ordinance No. 16534:

Vacating 55th Avenue N. E. from the present line of 27th and 29th Streets N. E. and the alley in Block 19, between 54th and 55th Avenue N. E. from the north line of 27th to the south line of 29th Street N. E. (Petition of Tacoma School Dist. No. 10.) Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

## Ordinance No. 16535:

Amending Chapter 13.06 of the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as Sec. 13.06.020 (2) to include the property in the vicinity of Dash Point Water Works Road, N. E. Tacoma in an "R-1" One-Family Dwelling District. (Donald C. Wick) Read by title and passed.

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16536:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to zoning by adding a new section known as Sec. 13.06.130 (9) to include the west side of Marine View Drive in the vicinity of the Cliff House Restaurant in the "C-2" Commercial District. (H. O. Smith) Read by title and passed. 42

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 8; nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson

Ordinance No. 16537:

Amending Chapter 13.04.270 of the Official Code of the City in reference to the Major Street Plan in the area north of Center Street on Bantz Blvd. by allowing an entrance from the south parking lot of the new Tacoma Giants Baseball Park, directly on to Bantz Blvd. Read by title and passed. 42

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16538:

Amending Sec. 1.12.400 of the Official Code of the City relating to pay and compensation plan by establishing additional positions in the Urban Renewal Dept. Read by title and passed. 42

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

Ordinance No. 16539:

Amending Sec. 6.38.146 of the Official Code of the City relating to the Teenage Dance Board to increase the present age limit from 15 years to 16 years for those eligible to attend these dances. Read by title and passed. 37

Roll call was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

REPORTS:

The City Planning Commission recommending that the City Council approve and adopt the Urban Renewal Plan for the Center Street Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Wash. R-1. 43.

Mayor Hanson explained that this hearing is to be held April 4, 1960; and after the hearing a Resolution will be drawn adopting the Plan. 67

Mr. Rowlands said that this matter will not go before the Supreme Court until after the final Public Hearing is held. This same procedure was used by thirty-eight other States to make certain the State Law was valid in each instance.

MC-298 - Preliminary Design of Western Slope Sewerage System

Mr. Rowlands stated that a brief summary was provided of the salient features of this design. This work was authorized last fall by the City Council and the designs have been completed. It was desired that this work be completed as soon as possible as the Sewer Treatment Plant in this area is very badly needed.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that there were two ways of handling the sewerage from this area. One method was to bring all of the sewage to the main treatment plant located on the tideflats; but if this method were used, it could overload the sewers in the Oakland area as it would have to pass through that portion of the sewer system. The other method, which was chosen, was to construct a small treatment plant on the western slopes.

The present design of the treatment plant is for a 2,000,000 gallon capacity with the ultimate design set for 4,000,000 gallons. In the future it could be expanded to take in additional areas on the western slopes which at the present time is undeveloped.

Dr. Humiston asked if this is to be paid out of the Bond issue.

Mr. Rowlands said that in the culmination it will be handled through revenues from the Bond issue, plus surplus funds of the sewer utility.

Mayor Hanson said if there were no further questions it is assumed that the City Council accepts this plan.

ITEMS FOR FILING IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:

Report from the Fire Department for the month of February 1960

Personnel report for the month of February 1960.

Tacoma Police Department report for the month of February 1960.

Report from the Director of Finance for the month of February 1960.

Tacoma Police Department, Traffic Division report for the month of February

COMMENTS:

Dr. Humiston brought up that the Downtown Parking was discussed last week during Mayor Hanson's absence but no action was taken because it was not considered a public hearing. He asked what action is to be taken on this matter. Mr. Rowlands pointed out/Mayor Hanson advised that the hearing on this matter would be held next Monday. Mr. Rowlands/that Mr. E. A. Barton, Traffic and Parking Consultant; will arrive Sunday and will be available to more or less defend the report that they had prepared.

Dr. Humiston said he has had several discussions with Mr. William Larson an accountant, who is interested in the Downtown Parking Project and would like an invitation extended to him to attend the Council Meeting to present facts to the entire Council regarding the parking situation.

Mr. John Hill who operates a parking lot in the downtown area, cited several instances where the operators of the stores participating in the Validation Plan were lax and negligent in validating parking tickets. It was pointed out that in several cases the clerks refused to stamp the tickets as they claimed they were not informed to do so; consequently this infuriates a customer when their ticket is not validated.

He stated that something should be done to instruct the store owners to advise their employees of the plan, as it will increase their sales if this plan is used.

Mayor Hanson said this matter would be discussed further at the hearing at next Monday's Council Meeting. MS  
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Mr. Rowlands advised that he would contact Mr. Larson to attend the meeting next Monday.

Mayor Hanson said the hearing on the utilization of the Old City Hall building, which was postponed at the beginning of the meeting, would be taken up at this time.

Mr. Robert Evans, a member of Allied Arts, advised that he and Dr. Arthur Anderson had spent a great deal of time speaking before various groups endeavoring to gain public interest in the proposed project.

He said their group has examined the building and find that the shell is in excellent condition. Some of the floors, however, do need attention; this they wish to discuss at a later date.

In contacting the different groups, they found that the Tourist Bureau of the State Department of Commerce and Industry were very much interested in this building.

Mr. Evans said the plans for the Allied Art Center in the old Public Safety Building are undergoing some revisions. This will affect the Old City Hall, as one of the arguments used in their approach to obtain this building is that together, the two buildings would form a cultural center in the heart of the City. They do feel, however, that all of the arguments used in the past as far as Urban Renewal, etc. are still valid.

Mr. Evans said that Dr. Anderson has a plan whereby the City and County Schools could take over the building for use in their school system. Nothing yet has been decided on this matter, however.

Mr. Evans said that one item is being investigated quite thoroughly and that is the possible floodlighting of the old City Hall tower and having the clock put back in working order as a civic project for the Daffodil Parade and celebration.

Inasmuch as they have several plans underway for the utilization of this building he asked that a six months extension be granted to work out more details on the projects.

Dr. Humiston asked if there was any danger of the building collapsing or otherwise injuring people if it remained in its present status.

Mr. Schuster, Director of Public Works, explained that he could see no danger if it remains unoccupied.

Mr. Evans said in going through the building he could see evidence of either a leak in the roof or of a broken steam pipe which resulted in water settling on the top floor.

Mr. Rowlands said he would check into this item.

Dr. Humiston then moved that a six months extension be granted and that the hearing be continued to September 19, 1960., in order to continue studies on the building. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Mayor Hanson advised that a letter of resignation was received from Councilman Omar Bratrud. The Clerk was asked to read the letter in full. 60

The letter stated in part that he was resigning to take over the position to which he had been elected on the Park Board and due to the fact the Board has been shorthanded for some time and has not had a quorum at the last several meetings, he would like to have the resignation take effect immediately.



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He asked that Mr. W. G. "Gerry" Bott newly elected Councilman to his position, be appointed.

Mr. Bratrud praised the Mayor and Council members for their efforts in furthering the future of Tacoma. He, as a member of the City Council, has tried to do what he thought was for the best interests of the majority of the citizens of Tacoma.

Mayor Hanson said it was with great regret that Mr. Bratrud's resignation was received, but on the other hand it is gratifying to know that Mr. Bratrud will continue his public service as a member of the Park Board.

Dr. Humiston then moved to accept Mr. Bratrud's resignation with regrets. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Bratrud (not voting); Absent 1, Anderson.

Mr. Easterday then moved that Mr. Bott be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bratrud. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Voice vote: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 1, Anderson.

Marshall McCormick, City Attorney, explained that inasmuch as Mrs. Melton, City Clerk, is home ill, and there is no official Deputy appointed to fill her position Mr. Bott could take the official oath of office before a Notary Public. As Mr. McCormick, City Attorney is officially a Notary Public, Mr. Bott was then sworn in by Mr. McCormick.

Mr. Bott then assumed his position as City Councilman.

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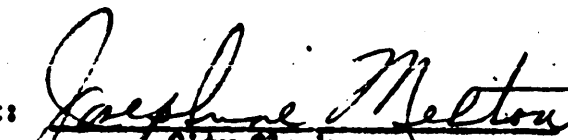
There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

\*\*\*\*\* Mayor Hanson and Mr. Rowlands both congratulated Mr. Bott on assuming the office of City Councilman.

Mayor Hanson requested that a Resolution be prepared for next week's meeting commending Mr. Bratrud for his many years of service to the City of Tacoma.

  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk