

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.

Monday, January 13, 1958.

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 9: Battin, Bratrud, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson. Absent None.

It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mrs. Goering, that the minutes of the meeting be approved and the reading thereof dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Mayor Anderson said there were some representatives from the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. that were here tonight in regard to the franchise Ordinance No. 16008 and if the Council would dispense with the regular order of business to take up this matter as some of them have to make an early train. It was then moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Tollefson, to dispense with the regular order of business to take up Ordinance No. 16008. Motion carried unanimously. 496

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Mr. Lutterman, Attorney for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Co. said if the franchise were given to the Northern Pacific and Union Pacific Railroad Companies it would be a duplication of service as the St. Regis Plant at present is served by the Milwaukee Railroad Co.

Mr. J. A. Reeder, representing the St. Regis Plant, said this application for a franchise was made to the City by the Northern Pacific Railway Co. recently for authority to cross Canal Street with a track to connect up with the present common-user track. This application is a joint application on behalf of the Northern Pacific and Union Pacific Railroad Companies and the St. Regis Paper Co., which they have been endeavoring to accomplish for the past six years, he said. At the present, he stated, their Plant is served only by the Milwaukee Railroad Co. through the common-use track which crosses Canal Street and it has been necessary for a long period of years to pay switching charges on so many cars that they penalized their Company to the extent of many thousands of dollars a year, particularly on log movements which originate on the Northern Pacific Railway.

Mr. Reeder stated further that the contemplated future plans of the Plant which will result in a wider distribution of their products from Tacoma necessitates the additional railroad service which this track will make possible. He said they are asking for equality between the three Railroads. He explained that their Company employes approximately 900 men and by giving them this additional railroad service it will increase their hiring capacity.

Mr. R.C. Brugeon, Traffic Manager of St. Regis Co. and Mr. Roger Crosby, Attorney for the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. both spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Jensen to amend Section 14, the third thereof, to read 60 days instead of 30 days. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. The ordinance, as amended, was passed.

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

Order of business then reverted to

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15187:

L I D2254:

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REPORTING:

Fixing February 4, 1958 as date for hearing on L I D 2254 - grading and placing concrete & gravel ballast on No. Orchard Street from North 9th Street to North 16th; also an asphalt surface to be placed on North Orchard Street from North 9th to North 16th and on No. 16th Street from Huson to Orchard Street.

Some of the Council members questioned why some of the work was being done by City forces. Discussion was held on this matter and it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Bratrud, to omit the word "by City forces". Lost on roll call: Ayes 4; Nays 5; Battin,

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Goering, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent O. Roll was then called on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call January 13, 1958.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15188:

L I D 5290:

By Jensen:

Fixing February 4, 1958 as date for hearing on L I D 5290 - cast iron watermains in area bounded by North 46th Street, Pearl Street, North 48th Street, Shirley Street, Ruby Street and Orchard Street.

Adopted on roll call January 13, 1958.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15189:

By JENSEN:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to sell to Shaub Ellison Company one hundred 750 x 14 used tires for the sum of \$625.00.

Adopted on roll call January 13, 1958.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15190:

By GOERING:

Transferring the sum of \$2,176.00 from the Public Health Engineer item of Salaries and Wages Classification of the Sewer Utility Fund to Public Health Engineer item of the Salaries and Wages Classification of the General Fund, Division of Sanitation, Department of Health and Welfare.

Adopted on roll call January 13, 1958.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15191:

By BRATRUD:

Opposing the construction of any bridge or bridges across Puget Sound from the Peninsula to Vashon Island or between Vashon Island and Fauntleroy.

Mr. Rowlands explained that in 1953 the U. S. Army District Engineer, held meetings upon proposals of the Washington Toll Bridge Authority for the contemplating crossing of Puget Sound by various bridges and as a result of said hearings, the Council adopted two Resolutions setting forth its position with reference to the construction of the bridges across Puget Sound, one in 1954 and one in 1957.

He said the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, has scheduled an additional hearing for the District Engineer to be held on January 14, 1958 at the Tacoma Public Library at 10:00 A. M. and has requested some representative from the City to be present. Mr. Rowlands asked if some one from the Council would like to attend. It was discussed and then Mr. Tollefson moved that Mr. Rowlands attend this meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried on roll call: Ayes 9, Nays 0, Absent 0. Roll was then called on the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call January 13, 1958.
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15192:BY JENSEN:

Approving proposed agreement between the City of Tacoma and the State of Washington, Department of Game, providing for the use of certain lands abutting the City's Alder Lake Reservoir.

Adopted on roll call January 13, 1958.
Ayes 10; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15193:BY TOLLEFSON:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at the next general municipal election to be held March 11, 1958 for their rejection or approval the proposition to amend Article IV and Section 6.17 of the Freeholder's Charter of the City of Tacoma. (Abolishing the Public Utilities Board and providing appointment by the City Council of the Director of Utilities.)

Mr. E. K. Murray, Attorney, was spokesman for a group opposing the Charter amendments pertaining to the Public Utilities Board. He said the proposed amendment was based on a misconception of the Council's duties in regard to the Utilities as outlined by the Charter. The Utilities Board is an administrative body, whereas the Council is supposed to confine their duties to legislative matters, he added. He suggested if any changes are made, it be in the direction of creating a higher degree of independence for the Board. He said he would more than likely be in favor of going along the lines of Resolution No. 15194, to be presented tonight, which provides for the direct election of the Board, and is sponsored by Mr. Stojack.

Mr. Clif Erdahl, Director of the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee, concurred in Mr. Murray's remarks.

Mr. Geo. Gentes, Manager of Hooker Electrochemical Co., said he felt the present Utility Board set-up is in "the best interest of preserving the Utilities' stability of operations".

Mr. D. E. Newhouse, Legislative Chairman of the Pierce County Central Labor Council, said he feared that if the Utility Board is eliminated the situation will lead itself to permit the use of utilities to collect the City's taxes.

Mr. Walter Gordon, R. L. Clevenger, Carl Staff, Gerrit Vander Ende, Tom Anderson, the latter two being former members of the Utility Board, and several others spoke against the amendments.

Mr. Tollefson, sponsor of the Resolution, said he thought the speakers were losing sight of the fact that Utility revenues are protected by State Law as well as by the Charter. He said the Council has had difficulty getting necessary information on Utilities' operations under the present arrangement and said the consolidation would mean a "tremendous savings" in the cost of Municipal Government.

Mr. Bratrud said the City's "part time" Council has enough of a burdern supervising the functions of the General Government and that the Councilmen wouldn't have enough time to do a good job on the Utilities unless they were made full time.

Dr. Battin spoke in favor of the amendment. He said the majority of the 1952 Freeholders who drew up the Charter had been in favor of a combined operation but had been misled by a few freeholders that they would campaign against the Charter, which they did anyway, he added.

Mr. McCormick advised that they would have to be redrawn to give the people a choice between them.

Dr. Humiston said he was in favor of the change, but would vote against placing it on the March ballot.

Mr. Perdue agreed that the change would be desirable but the timing was bad.

Dr. Battin said the Council should assure the members of the Utility Board it has full confidence in their intelligence, integrity and intentions and have merely been discussing the form of Government.

Mayor Anderson said he would send a letter to the Board members to that effect.

It was then moved by Mr. Stojack that the Resolution be postponed indefinitely. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston and lost on roll call; Ayes 4; Nays 5; Battin, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson, Anderson; Absent 0. It was then moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Tollefson, to adopt the Resolution. Roll call was then taken, resulting as follows:

January 13, 1958. Battin, Stojack, Tollefson. Goering,
Lost on roll call; Ayes 3; Nays 6; Bratrud, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue/Anderson; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15194:

MR. STOJACK:

Submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at the General Municipal Election to be held March 11, 1958 for their rejection or approval of a proposition to amend Section 4.8 and 4.9 of the Charter of the City of Tacoma. (Providing for the direct election of the members of the Public Utility Board and fixing term of office and compensation to be paid therefor.)

Lost on roll call January 13, 1958.

Ayes 1; Stojack; Nays 8; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson, Anderson; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16029:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to reclassification of property located at the S. E. and S. W. corners of North 21st and Prospect Streets from an R-3 Two Family Dwelling District to an R-4-L Multiple Family Dwelling District. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16030:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to reclassification of property at the north side of So. 12th Street from 120' west of South Junett Street to 150' west of South Cedar Street from an R-3 Two-family Dwelling District to a C-1 Commercial District. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16031:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to reclassification of property located between So. Sprague and South Steele Streets from South 35th Street to South Tacoma Way (excluding freeway right of way) from an R-4 Multiple-Family Dwelling to an M-1 Light Industrial District. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16032:

Amending the Charter and Official Code of the City relating to retirement and pensions of employees of the City of Tacoma. Read by title.

Dr. Humiston asked for what reason was this Ordinance submitted.

It was explained that this was to make adjustments for one employee working for the City who had quit the City services and had been reinstated and wanted to receive full credit for time lost with the City upon depositing additional contributions to the retirement system.

It was asked if this employee left on his own accord or was laid off. Mayor Anderson explained that the employee was laid off at that time. Discussion was held on the effect this would have on others that have terminated their employment with the City and wish to return. It was suggested that the Retirement Board look into this matter further as to what circumstances the employee lost his rights and also review the existing Ordinance to see if any changes should be made in regard to the matter of policy. Placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16033:

Establishing permanent registration offices in each legislative district within the City and establishing temporary registration offices prior to the State Primary and State General Elections. Read by title.

Mr. Rowlands explained that this Ordinance was prepared in accordance with the law of the 1957 Legislature which provides setting up permanent registration places in each Legislative District, also temporary places for the State Primary and State General Elections. The Ordinance was placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 16034:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to reclassification of property located on both sides of South Cushman Street from South 11th to South 12th Streets from R-3 Two-Family Dwelling District to a R-4-T Multiple Family Residential-Commercial Transitional District. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16020:

L I D 1939:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 1939 - sanitary sewers on North 46th, 47th, 48th and 49th Streets from Alaska to Hosmer Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16021:

L I D 4606:

X 48: 291
49: 569

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4606 for permanent type paving on Alki Street from North 43rd Street to Madrona Way; Orchard Road from North 26th, northward 150 feet; North 14th Street from Madison to Monroe; North Puget Sound Avenue from North 24th to North 25th Street; Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16022:

L I D 4624:

X 48: 258
49: 465

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4624 - permanent type paving of South 9th Street from Pine to Lawrence, South 10th Street from Pine to Cedar and Junett Street from South 8th to So. 13th Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16023:

L I D 4627:

X 48: 257
49: 465

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4627 - paving and storm drainage on South Junett Street from South 62nd Street to South 64th; South 58th Street, South 60th Street and South 62nd Street from South Tacoma Way to Puget Sound Avenue. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16024:

L I D 4631:

X 48: 462
49: 465

Providing for the improvement of L I D 4631 - concrete curbs, gutters, storm water catch basins and necessary storm drainage on North 8th Street from Lawrence to Warner, and Union Avenue to Proctor, North 13th from Lawrence to Alder and Vista Drive from Jackson Avenue; creating L I D 4631. Read by title and passed.

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

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Ordinance No. 16025: X

L I D 5293:

Providing for the construction of L I D 5293 - cast iron watermain in Alaska Street from South 64th Street to South 72nd Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16026: X

L I D 2275:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 2275 - grading and oil mat on Thompson Avenue from South 59th Street to South 60th Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16027: X

L I D 5253:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L. I.D. 5253 - cast iron watermain in area bounded by South 40th Street, Alaska Street, South 49th Street and Moser Street, also on South 49th Street from Alaska to Asotin. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16028: X

L I D 5275:

Approving and confirming the assessment roll for L I D 5275 - cast iron watermain in South 12th Street from Huson to Orchard and in Orchard from 6th Avenue to South 12th Street. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16011:

Authorizing a temporary loan in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Local Improvement Guaranty Fund to the General Fund for a period of seven years and providing for the repayment of said loan, for the purpose of constructing a municipal airport, land acquisition and for any other construction. Read by title.

In view of the fact that Ordinance No. 16016, on the Agenda for consideration tonight, for submission to qualified voters of the City at the March 11, 1958 Municipal Election of a proposition to establish an airport and create an indebtedness therefore, it was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, to indefinitely postpone action on this Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Indefinitely postponed: - Roll Call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 16014:

Providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at the general municipal election to be held Tuesday, March 11, 1958, of a proposition of creating an indebtedness of \$350,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds for payment of a part or all of the cost of construction of public building or buildings, facilities and the acquisition and development of sites in connection therewith. Read by title.

It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that the amount of indebtedness be reduced from \$350,000.00 to \$148,000.00. Motion carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. It was then moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Tollefson, that the life of the bonds be reduced from twenty years to ten years. Motion carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. Roll was then called on the Ordinance, as amended, resulting as follows:

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

The ordinance was amended to conform to the copy as finally passed.

Ordinance No. 16015:

Providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at the general municipal election to be held Tuesday, March 11, 1958 of a proposition of creating an indebtedness in the amount of \$4,073,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the cost of the construction of general street and bridge improvements in said City. Read by title.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston to delete \$150,000 from the indebtedness making the amount \$3,923,000. and that the words "escalators and pedestrian ways" be added to the last line of Section 1. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. The ordinance then passed as amended.

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

Ordinance No. 16016:

Providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at the general municipal election to be held Tuesday, March 11, 1958 of a proposition of creating an indebtedness in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the purpose of establishing an airport and other air navigation facilities. Read by title.

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Dr. Humiston said he thought Ordinance No. 16019 which is on the Agenda to be considered later should be taken up before this Ordinance is considered.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that Ordinance No. 16016 be postponed until Ordinance No. 16019 is considered. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 16017:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relative to reclassification of property located at the Southwest corner of South 38th Street and Pacific Avenue from an C-1 Commercial District to a C-2 Commercial District. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16018:

Vacating the alley between North 27th Street and North 28th Street from North Madison Street to North Monroe Street. (Petition of Mason Methodist Church.) Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 16019:

Authorizing issuance and sale of general negotiable serial interest-bearing coupon bonds of the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the purpose of establishing an airport and other air navigation facilities. Read by title.

Mrs. Goering said she was disturbed at the by-passing of the electorate, and said that she understands the Air Force cannot "significantly protest" the development of an airport in the event the City wished to look elsewhere. She presented a letter signed by Mr. Archie L. Matthew which charged the Council would be spending millions for the benefit of a "few" and said with all due respect to the people who are pushing this idea, it seems unbelievable that the City Council would deliberately dig themselves into the financial hole this venture represents.

Mr. Tollefson pointed out that Federal airport matching funds have been available for some ten years and probably will be available in the future; but was afraid if this were put on the ballot, the City will lose every other bond issue.

Dr. Humiston said he had been skeptical when the airport was proposed, but now was enthusiastically favorable. He said he was unhappy about the emergency nature of the financing, but pointed out that the City was faced with the loss of a sizable amount of matching funds if the Council did not act. He said it was his best judgment that the Council go along with it for the best interest of the entire City. Dr. Humiston stated further that he

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didn't feel the Council has an obligation to put the issue up to the voters but the cost would come out of the City's regular General Fund revenues.

Dr. Weathers who owns considerable property at the airport site predicated that the airport would cost considerable more than the initial \$1,600,000 outlay.

Dr. Hugh Tudor also spoke against the airport proposition.

Roll was then called on the Ordinance resulting as follows:

Roll Call: Ayes 6; Battin, Bratrud, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Anderson; Nays 3; Goering, Stojack, Tollefson.

Ordinance No. 16016 was then taken up for consideration by the Council.

Ordinance No. 16016:

Providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Tacoma at the general municipal election to be held Tuesday, March 11, 1958 of a proposition of creating an indebtedness in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the purpose of establishing an airport and other air navigation facilities. Read by title.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, to table the Ordinance. Roll was called, resulting as follows; Ayes 6; Nays 3; Goering, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 0.

Mr. Stojack said he would like to have Ordinance No. 16013 reconsidered which passed last week, pertaining to the proposition creating an indebtedness in the amount of \$1,040,000 to be placed on the March 11, 1958 ballot for artificial street lighting.

It was moved by Mr. Stojack that the amount be reduced to \$198,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and lost on roll call: Ayes 3; Nays 6; Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson, Anderson, Absent 0. Roll was taken on passage of the Ordinance, resulting as follows:

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

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

- ✧ Monthly Report - Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau and Fire Alarm and Radio for the month of December
- † Monthly Financial Report - Light Division - dated Nov. 30, 1957
- † Monthly Financial Report - Water Division - dated Nov. 30, 1957.

Council then adjourned at 11:50 P. M.

Attest: Josephine Melton
City Clerk.

John W. Anderson
President of City Council.

Ordinance No. 16008:

(Laid over from Dec. 23, 1957).

Granting to the N. P. Railway Company, and the Union Pacific Railway Co. the right to purchase in accordance with Ordinance No. 3770 an equal interest in and to operate over certain existing railroad tracks along Canal Street S.E. from East 11th Street, presently owned and operated by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Co. Read by title.