

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:35 P. M.

Monday, January 23, 1956.

Council met in regular session. Present 9; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 0.

It was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Stojack, 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 unanimously on voice vote.

PETITIONS:

\* Weaver Pie Bakery, Inc., for license for bakery at 219 South 50th Street. The Director of Health recommends the petition be denied as the Health Department Sanitarians have been unable from November 18th, 1955 to the present date to obtain entry to inspect the premises. The City Manager concurs in the recommendation. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Battin to concur in the recommendation and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. (At the close of the meeting, Mr. Blackfield, the Company representative, appeared with regard to this license, and inasmuch as the Council had already denied the application, he was directed to confer with the City Manager to see what can be worked out).

COMMUNICATIONS:

Tacoma Pierce County Association of Life Underwriters (active membership 100) recommending that the City Council request of their association the appointment from their membership of an Advisory Committee, with duties as outlined herein, and that this recommendation be made effective immediately for the best interests of the City. The City Manager stated that a committee of this nature would be of no use at this time, as the bids have been called for and opened for the Health and Welfare program for City Employees, for which funds were allocated in the 1956 Budget. An Administrative Committee of the Staff and employee representatives has been working for some time on this matter and has had the valuable assistance of Gerald Child of the Aetna Life, who devoted many hours in an advisory capacity and in analyzing the bids received and they are now ready to bring it back to the Board of Contracts and Awards for action. If the services of this committee were used, it would necessitate starting from the beginning again, Mr. Backstrom added. However such a Committee might be given consideration in the future, he said. It was moved by Mr. Stojack, seconded by Dr. Humiston, that the Association be advised that the suggestion of an Advisory Committee was presented to the Council too late to be of any assistance in the Health and Welfare program, as the bids have already been opened. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0. (Mr. V. A. Schwarz, Secretary-Treasurer of the Underwriters Association, appeared later in the meeting and was informed of the Council's action. He advised the Council that in making this suggestion of an advisory committee, it was not their intent that it would be used in formulating the new Health and Welfare plan, which is already well on its way, but that it would be operative in the future.

Tacoma Transit Co., stating that the riding of their buses on Sunday is constantly dwindling and that they must again make a rather definite reduction in service on this day; that as soon as possible they propose to reduce the Sunday evening trips on all lines to those provided by one bus on a line, to cut off entirely the Day Island bus after 9:24 P. M. and to drop the one trip out of Tacoma on the Spanaway line after 8:50 P. M., which should result in a cash saving of about \$6,000 a year, and advising that it is not necessary for the Council to act on this reduction in service, but they are anxious that the transportation committee and the Council be familiar with the steps they are taking to keep the service within their means.

Dr. Humiston explained that this notification of alteration of service was being given in accordance with an agreement made with the Company officials six or nine months ago, that no changes would be made with first advising the Council prior to the effective date thereof. Mr. Jensen expressed the opinion that the overall picture should be considered by the Transit Co. and that every line and every run should not have to pay its own way. The matter was referred to the Transit Committee of the Council for study.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14508.

By GOERING:

Authorizing the construction of a Civil Defense mobile communications unit and authorizing that the cost in a sum not in excess of \$7500.00 be paid from Cumulative Reserve Fund, Capital Outlay. Mr. Backstrom reported it is the plan to obtain an old bus from the Transit Co. and to construct the unit in that. In reply to a question from Col. Hooker, Mr. Frank Evans, Director of Civil Defense, stated that the mobile unit would have a continuing use in cases of emergency. The resolution was then adopted.

Adopted on roll call January 23, 1956.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 14509.     L I D 4594.     X

BY TOLLEFSON:

Stating intention of Council to order the placing of an asphalt concrete pavement, concrete curbs and gutters, and the necessary storm sewer on North 8th Street from Orchard Street to Mullen Street; creating L I D 4594 and fixing February 21, 1956 as the date for hearing. The Clerk reported that she had received a memo from the Director of Public Works requesting that L I D 4594 be cancelled from the agenda because of certain changes in the district boundaries. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Mr. Perdue that Resolution No. 14509 be withdrawn. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 14505.     (laid over to this date on January 16, 1956)

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to sell certain real property located at South 23rd and Winthrop Avenue, which was formerly used by the Water Division, to American Manufacturing Co. on their bid of \$4225.00 and setting forth terms and conditions of said sale. Dr. Humiston reported that Dean Barline, Director of Utilities, has requested the Council to postpone this resolution for another week, so that it might be brought up and considered by the Utility Board at the next meeting. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack to postpone resolution No. 14505 for one week to January 30th, 1956. Motion carried unanimously on roll call.

Col. Hooker reported there is a resolution, not on tonight's agenda, which should be adopted at this meeting. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston that Rule 7 (relative to filing new matter for Council's consideration) be suspended in order to consider this resolution. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Resolution No. 14510.

By HOOKER:

Waiving bidding procedures for reason that same are not practical under existing circumstances; and awarding contract for installation of storm sewers from Pearl Street to Jackson Street on the extension of North 26th Street, in sum of \$12,000 to Kendall Construction Co.; the cost of said installation to be assessed against property in L I D 2210. Mr. Backstrom reported that the design of the sewer had to be changed because adjacent property was filled in by the owners, which increases the

cost of storm sewers from \$2,745 for the original design to \$12,000. It is deemed advisable to have the Kendall Construction Co., contractors for the grading and surfacing, also construct the storm sewers prior to the completion of the street surfacing, Mr. Backstrom said. A letter agreeing to this additional cost, signed by 100% of the abutting property owners is in his files, Mr. Boyle advised, and therefore it is his opinion the matter can be handled legally in this manner. Roll was then called on the adoption of the resolution.

Adopted on roll call January 23, 1956.  
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15525.

Authorizing the settlement of certain claims pending between the Department of Public Works and the Light Division and Water Division of the Department of Public Utilities; appropriating the sum of \$9,621.73 from the General Fund for the purpose of paying the amounts agreed to be due. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15526. L I D 5268.

Providing for the construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main in North Highland Street and North Winnifred Street from the north line of Nelson's Second Addition to North 30th Street; and an 8-inch cast iron water main in North 30th Street from Highland Street to Shirley Street; creating L I D 5268. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15527.

Amending Ordinance No. 14887-- "An ordinance to be known as the Administrative Code, providing for the establishment of a complete plan of administrative organization of the government of the City of Tacoma, etc." by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 41E. (allowing 5% preferential for materials, supplies, etc. produced or manufactured in the State of Washington, in awarding contracts). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15522.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled: "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, etc." (ZONING ORDINANCE) by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 8L. (C-1 Commercial District on east side of Pacific Avenue from 120 feet south of South line of South 50th Street to the North line of South 52nd Street, opposite the Stewart Jr. High School). Read by title and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 1; Tollefson (not voting) Absent 0.

Ordinance No. 15523.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for King County, for the purpose of providing protection for the Water Supply of the City of Tacoma. Read by title and passed.

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

Ordinance No. 15524.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or institute and prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Pierce County, under the right of eminent domain, in connection with the construction of a new 100 million gallon reservoir for the City of Tacoma. Read by title and passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works presents the following assessment and assessment rolls for the cost of the following improvements:

L I D 1945 <sup>131</sup> Sanitary and local sewers along the lines described as follows: from the existing sewer at South 19th Street and State Street west to the alley between State and Trafton Streets, then south in said alley 415 feet; also a stub line extending approximately 65 feet west on South 19th Street from the alley.

L I D 2202 <sup>212</sup> Gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface on Winnifred Street from 6th Avenue to South 11th Street;

L I D 2238 <sup>151</sup> Sidewalks on the South side of South 17th Street from Adams to Washington Street; on the west side of Washington from 17th to 18th and on the north side of South 18th from Adams to Washington;

L I D 4541 <sup>329</sup> Asphaltic paving, curbs and gutters on South 53rd Street from "D" Street to Pacific Avenue;

L I D 4549 <sup>413</sup> A six inch concrete pavement in the alley between I and J Streets from North 9th to North 10th Streets;

L I D 4551 <sup>319</sup> Cement concrete paving in the alley between South D Street and Pacific Avenue from South 38th Street to South 40th Street;

L I D 4556 <sup>370</sup> Asphaltic paving on South 13th Street from Broadway to K Streets; Ainsworth Avenue from Division Avenue to Sixth Avenue; and Puyallup Avenue from Winthrop Avenue to East G Street.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin that February 21, 1956 be fixed as the date for hearing on the above assessment rolls. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom reported that temporary streets throughout the entire City have become badly deteriorated by the heavy rains and freezing weather. In order to expedite the program of putting these streets in good condition, he has authorized the employment of additional men and equipment; he stated. If the weather holds up, the City can possibly complete the work with the money in the budget, Mr. Backstrom added. Col. Hooker said he felt he was expressing the feeling of the entire Council by concurring in the emergency action taken by the City Manager.

Mr. Backstrom presented M-C 81- --Surplus General Funds after close of Fiscal Year 1955. This showed that an additional surplus of \$202,000 over and above the \$130,000 surplus which his office advised the Council it might anticipate in the General Fund, would be available. The additional surplus in amount of \$202,000 is derived from Budget savings of \$99,000 in general government departments for 1955 and \$103,000 in unanticipated additional Liquor Tax. M-C 81 made two recommendations: (1) That the City Manager review with Department heads the requirements for capital outlay items and pre-

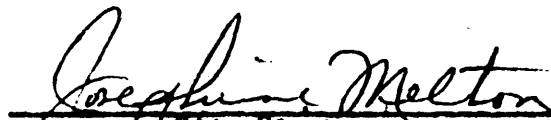
pare a recommendation of items to be authorized by the Council for expenditure in 1956 from excess surplus funds; and (2) That the Finance Committee be designated to review the City Manager's recommendations and report to the Council the recommendations of the Finance Committee on this subject. It was pointed out that by Legislation passed in the 1955 Session of the Legislature the Council by a vote of one more than majority has authority to expend surplus funds for certain purposes by ordinance. Dr. Humiston said he felt some consideration should be given the Park and Library Boards and a proportionate share of the surplus allocated for their use. Mr. Stojack suggested that it might be wise to get the recommendation of the City Planning Commission as to what projects should be given priority. Mr. Backstrom said he would recommend that the item of \$50,000 for improving 19th Street from Union to Orchard, which was eliminated from the Public Works Construction Program for 1956, be put back in the program. The type of road to be constructed was discussed at length and Mr. Stojack said it was the understanding of the City Planning Commission that it would be a completed road and not left in the rough, as stated by the City Manager. Dr. Humiston, Chairman of the Finance Committee, agreed to notify Mr. Stojack and the Planning Commission of the meeting date when the allocation of the surplus funds is to be taken up. D. H. Ketter, Business Representative of the Municipal Civil Service League, contended that the announcement of \$332,000 surplus at this time would indicate that the financial picture at Budget time was false, as the City should have had some idea at the time that these funds would be available and they should have been taken into consideration in fixing salaries and wages when the budget was adopted. Mayor Tollefson, Dr. Humiston and Mr. Backstrom all said that salaries and wages were the first consideration of the Finance Committee and the Council, and that they lived up to their agreement to pay 100% of what employees were being paid on the outside. Even if this money had been available, it would not have been allocated to salaries, but to Capital outlay, which item was cut drastically in favor of salaries and wages, Dr. Humiston said. It was pointed out by Mr. Backstrom that approximately 300 City employees are receiving above the 100% being paid on the outside. Mr. Backstrom said that in October they were not aware that the additional 10% would be received from the Liquor Tax, nor did they know how other revenues were going to come in. The estimate of revenues his office gave the Council was given in good faith and at the time he recommended salaries and wages be taken care of first.

City Manager Backstrom also presented M-C -80-- Annual Report of the Legal Department- for Council's information.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

  
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 President of City Council.

Attest:

  
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 City Clerk.