

Monday, January 10, 1955

Council met in regular session. Present 7; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 2; Hooker, (taking his seat at 7:40 P. M.) and Stojack, (for entire meeting).

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Humiston, that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion carried: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Hooker, Stojack.

At this time Mayor Tollefson welcomed a group of students from the Civic Classes at Stadium High School and their teacher, Mrs. Price. Mrs. Goering presented five members from the North Tacoma Business and Professional Women's Club, who were visiting the Council meeting.

PETITIONS:

Takeshi Ikeda, et al. requesting that Lots 8-12, Block 814 and Lots 8 to 12, Block 813, Map of New Tacoma, plus the easterly 10' of the alley abutting thereon, vacated by Ordinance No. 10017, be rezoned from R-5-T District to C-3 District (located at north-west corner of South 9th and G Streets). Referred to City Planning Commission.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor H. M. Tollefson (filed January 5, 1955) advising he has designated Wyle Lemley to act as his proxy in affixing his signature on any Local Improvement District bonds of the City of Tacoma requiring same. Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 14135.

By Bratrud:

Authorizing private sale of all right, title and interest of the City of Tacoma acquired by and through local improvement assessment and the proceedings for foreclosure thereof for \$10.00 in cash and directing execution and delivery to Joseph McGhee and Jane McGhee of a local improvement assessment deed covering Lots 5 and 6, Block 22, South Park Addition, located on South Prospect Street between South 50th and South 51st Streets.

Adopted on roll call January 10, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14136.

By Bratrud:

Fixing Monday, February 7th, 1955 as time for hearing on petition to vacate 25 feet of alley between South D Street and Pacific Avenue, extending from South 37th Street to South 38th Street, abutting the west 65.009 feet of the east 178.009 feet of the south 100 feet of Block 80, of Amended Map of First School Land Addition to City of Tacoma. (Pet. Frank A. Glassy, et al- 11-10-54).

Adopted on roll call January 10, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

By Bratrud:

Authorizing private sale of all right, title and interest of City acquired by and through foreclosure proceedings and by reason of local improvement assessments to be made to E. K. Murray as Administrator of Estate of B. W. Nash, deceased, for \$648.64 in cash and directing execution and delivery of a local improvement assessment deed to Lot 12, Block 8, Woodlawn Addition, located at 6th Avenue between Winnifred and Shirley Streets. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried unanimously on voice vote. The Resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call January 10, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14138.

By Humiston:

Authorizing and directing the Director of Finance to take all steps necessary and as by law provided for the sale and issue of Series "A" in the amount of \$1,000,000 of negotiable serial interest-bearing coupon general obligation general street and bridge improvement bonds authorized to be issued by Ordinance No. 15198. It was moved by Dr. Battin to suspend Rule 9, motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call January 10, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14139.

By HUMISTON:

Authorizing and directing the Director of Finance to take all steps necessary and as by law provided for the sale and issue of Series "A" in the amount of \$500,000 of negotiable serial interest-bearing coupon general obligation street lighting bonds authorized to be issued by Ordinance No. 15199. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Mr. Jensen to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call January 10, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Initial Resolution No. 14140. L. I. D. 5230.

By HUMISTON:

Stating intention of Council to order cast iron water main in Broadview Avenue, Frances Avenue and Beverly Avenue from Scenic Drive to the South line of Beverly Heights; in Scenic Drive from Broadview Avenue to Frances Avenue; and revoking Resolution No. 14061. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full. (fixing February 1, 1955 as date for hearing thereon).

Adopted on roll call January 10, 1955.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14132. (laid over to this date on January 3rd)

By BATTIN:

Approving recommendations of the Purchasing Agent and Board of Contracts

and Awards and awarding contract for furnishing all the gasoline needs of the City of Tacoma, Tacoma School District No. 10, Metropolitan Park District for general and supply truck purposes, the Town of Ruston and the Town of Fircrest, for the calendar year 1955, to Tidewater Associated Oil Company on its low bid in the estimated amount of \$118,000. City Manager Backstrom and Mr. Gaisford, Director of Finance, explained that this resolution is in error and that new bids should be called for on a new percentage basis, since the original call for bids was for a higher percentage of premium gas than required in view of the fact that the majority of the general fund departments and the utility department are now using regular gas. Roll was called on the adoption of the resolution, resulting as follows:

Roll call Ayes 0; Nays 8; Absent 1; Stojack. The resolution was declared lost.

It was then moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the Purchasing Agent be directed to call for new bids for the furnishing of gasoline needs. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 14134. (laid over to this date on January 3rd)

BATTIN:

Approving recommendations of the Purchasing Agent and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract for the furnishing of the annual supply of lubricating oils and greases for the calendar year 1955 to Richfield Oil Corporation as the lowest and best bidder, in an estimated amount of \$5187.80; and awarding the contract for furnishing of the annual supply of kerosene for the year 1955 to Shell Oil Co. upon its low bid of \$0.1825 per gallon, in the estimated amount of \$1825.00. Mr. Barline, Director of Utilities, reported that his department had examined the bids and were now in favor of the adoption of the above resolution.

Adopted on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15212.

Authorizing and directing the City Attorney of the City of Tacoma to purchase and/or prosecute an action in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Pierce County under the right of eminent domain for the condemnation and acquisition of certain property rights and privileges for the purpose of obtaining ballast to be used in the construction of City streets, said ballast to be obtained from property located in the general vicinity between South 74th and South 76th Streets and South Sprague and South Wapato Streets; and providing for the taking and damaging of said property, property rights and privileges; and appropriating the sum of \$10,000.00 from the City Street Fund for the payment therefor. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15213.

Repealing Ordinance No. 15081 entitled: "An ordinance approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll certified to the Council by the Director of Public Works on the 25th day of May, 1954, for the cost of the improvement in Local Improvement District No. 2081, etc." Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15214.

Relating to the operation by the City of Tacoma and County of Pierce of a combined Health Department; authorizing the execution and delivery of an agreement covering the terms of such operation; and repealing Ordinance No. 13700 and Ordinance No. 14057. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

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Ordinance No. 15215.

An ordinance to be known as the Plumbing Code; requiring a permit and the collection of fees therefor, for the installation or alteration of plumbing or drainage systems; defining certain terms; establishing minimum regulations for installation, alteration or repairs of plumbing and drainage systems and the inspection thereof; providing penalties for the violation thereof; adopting by reference a Uniform Plumbing Code as amended; repealing Ordinance No. 11652 and all amendments thereto and all parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance; and specifying the effective date hereof. Read by title and placed in order of final reading. Mr. Backstrom explained that this is one of the ordinances which it is desirable to bring up to date prior to January 1, 1956, after which time the Charter requires that a compilation of ordinances be published. The Air Pollution ordinance and the Traffic Code are also in the process of revision, he stated, and it was felt it would be best to bring these revisions before Council at regular intervals in order to allow time for consideration and a hearing if necessary. He suggested that a hearing be held on the new Plumbing Code next Monday, January 17th, which was agreeable to the Council.

Ordinance No. 15216. L I D 2219

Providing for improvement of Prospect Street from South 8th Street to South 12th Street by grading and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock base, together with oil mat surface; creating L I D 2219. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15217. L I D 2221

Providing for improvement of South C Street from South 76th Street south for approximately 600 feet, by grading to the established grade and placing thereon a gravel and crushed rock oil mat; creating L I D 2221. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15218. L I D 5233.

Providing for the construction of a six-inch cast iron water main in South 10th Street from Tyler Street to Mullen Street; creating L I D No. 5233. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15219. L I D 5241.

Providing for construction of a 6-inch cast iron water main in M Street and Sheridan Avenue from South 64th Street to South 68th Street and in South 68th Street from Sheridan Avenue to M Street; creating L I D 5241. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15220.

Amending Sections 15, 17, 18, 20, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 50 of Ordinance No. 15106 entitled: "An ordinance adopting the pay or compensation plan as contemplated by Section 6.9 of the City Charter; prescribing the salaries to be paid to nonselective officers and employees of the City; establishing the positions of the various departments of the City government; fixing the effective date of this ordinance, etc." Read by title and placed in order of final reading. As Mr. Barline was present, Mr. Backstrom called upon him to explain to the Council the changes being made by the amendment as they pertained to the Utilities Department. Mr. Backstrom then explained what changes were being made in the General Fund departments and the reasons for making same. Section 39 of the original ordinance was over-looked in this revision to change the daily wages paid certain employes in the Fire Alarm Division of the Fire department, he said, and he submitted a copy of the new schedule for each council member's information. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen that Ordinance #15220 be amended before final reading by the addition of Section 12,

which will amend Section 39 of the Compensation plan to coincide with the revision submitted by the Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15208.

Vacating the alley between Cedar and Junett Streets extending from South Tacoma Way on the south to Northern Pacific Railroad right of way on the north, being the alley between Blocks 11 and 12 of Junett's Addition; and a narrow strip of land extending between Cedar and Junett Streets along north side of Blocks 11 and 12 and between Northern Pacific Railroad right of way and Lots 1 and 2, Block 12, and Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 11, Junett's Addition. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Ordinance No. 15209.

Repealing Ordinance No. 11262 entitled: "An ordinance creating a special fund to be known as the Garbage and Refuse Department Reserve Fund out of the surplus revenues of the Garbage and Refuse Department, and prescribing the purposes for which said fund may be used." and providing for the disposition of any moneys in said fund. Read in full, and passed.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Ordinance No. 15210.

Amending Section 5 of Ordinance No. 10005 entitled: "An ordinance relating to health and sanitation; providing for and regulating the collection, removal and disposal of garbage and refuse and dead animals in the City of Tacoma; providing for the handling thereof exclusively by the City through its Garbage and Refuse Department; providing penalties for the violation hereof, etc." and declaring the effective date hereof. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. Mr. Backstrom advised that his report, H. C. #63, dated December 20th, 1954, suggesting raise in Garbage rates, had been carefully rechecked this past week, and it appears that by taking into consideration certain economies made possible by elimination of two positions, elimination of Saturday overtime pay, and inauguration of bi-monthly billing the department could operate under the 90¢ rate (a 20% increase in charges) and at the same time replace some equipment. A re-examination of the Department should be had at Budget time next October, he added, to ascertain whether the rates should continue or be increased to \$1.00 (33-1/3%). However the most conservative procedure would be to increase the rates now 33-1/3% and if circumstances warrant a free month of service could be granted at the end of the year, Mr. Backstrom said.

The two suggested rates were discussed at length, some of the Council members favoring the 20% increase and some the 33-1/3%. The Director of Finance stressed the financial need of the Garbage Department, saying that there is immediate need for funds to take care of a delinquent State Tax amounting to approximately \$21,000 as soon as possible, and added that the 20% increase would leave a very tight budget for the Department's operations. Col. Hooker, Mr. Bratrud and Dr. Humiston said they were willing to go along with the Manager's suggestion that a 20% increase be tested for one year, but Dr. Battin said he was definitely opposed to this plan. Mr. Backstrom said he had Ordinance No. 15210 re-written on the 20% increase plan and he furnished each Council-man with a copy of the new ordinance. It was moved by Mr. Jensen, seconded by Dr. Humiston to substitute the new ordinance based on a 20% increase

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in rates for the original ordinance. Carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Battin; Absent 1, Stojack. After further discussion roll was then called on the passage of the amended ordinance, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 1; Battin, Absent 1, Stojack.

Ordinance No. 15211.

Amending Section 51 of Ordinance No. 15106 entitled: "An ordinance adopting the pay or compensation plan as contemplated by Section 6.9 of the City Charter; prescribing the salaries to be paid to nonelective officers and employees of the City; establishing the positions of the various departments of the City Government; fixing the effective date of this ordinance, etc." declaring the effective date; and declaring an emergency making necessary the immediate passage and taking effect of this ordinance. Read by Title. It was moved by Col. Hooker, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Ordinance No. 15207 (laid over to this date on January 3rd)

Ordering the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks, gutters and curbs along and driveways across sidewalks and other appurtenances and works necessary thereto; providing for the payment therefor; stating the amounts of cost to be borne by the City Street Fund; and directing the levy of special assessments according to the benefits upon the respective abutting properties. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that Ordinance No. 15207, which had its first reading before the Council on Monday, December 27, 1954, be amended before final passage as follows, to-wit:

- Page 8: HENRY SCHMIDT- change name of owner to M.C. PRUITT, c/o 1115 6th Avenue
- Page 11: JOHN SABOL- change as follows: remove approx. 265 S.F. walk, construct approx. 265 S.F. 4" concrete walk; estimated cost \$167.00. Of the total work outlined above the City will bear the following portion of cost: For removal and construction of 265 S.F. concrete walk, Total \$83.50.
- Page 12: ALFORD OLSON- Change amount of S. F. walk to 365
- Page 13: W. P. PROETZ, Lots 9 and 10, Block 7- Change name of owner to Peter A. SCHMIDT, c/o 1741 South State.
W. P. PROETZ, Lots 7 and 8, Block 7- Change name of owner to HENRY WHITEHEAD, c/o 6306 South "I".
- Page 16: EVA M. BALDWIN- Change amount of S. F. walk to 135
FRANK CEKADO- Delete entire paragraph
- Page 17: GUSTAV SCHWESINGER- Change name of owner to HAZEL PARENT, c/o 405 6th Ave.
- Page 20: LENARD H. PARKER- delete entire paragraph
ROBERT V. STEVENS- Change name of owner to HOWARD W. SWENSON; change description to "North half of east 5 feet of Lot 14, north half of Lot 15, and north half of Lot 16, Block 7"; change address to 6102 South "J"
- Page 21: N. P. PEDERSON- Change as follows: Remove approx. 390 S. F. walk, construct approx. 327 S. F. 4" concrete walk and 7 S. Y. 6" concrete driveway; total estimated cost \$246.83. Of the total work outlined above the City will bear the following portion of cost: For removal and construction of 327 S. F. concrete walk, \$99.00.
- ALBERT E. LANGDON- Change description to Lots 1 and 2, Block 2.
- PAGE 22: WILLIAM, JAMES, PHILIP AND EDWARD CAMMARANO- Change as follows: Remove approx. 625 S. F. walk; construct approx. 625 S. F. 4" concrete walk; total estimated cost \$405.00. Of the total work outlined above the City will bear the following portion of cost: For removal and construction of 625 S. F. concrete walk, Total \$202.50.

- Page 24: HENRY PONTIUS- Delete entire paragraph
- Page 25: KRISTOFFER O. SOLHEIM- change name of owner to John R. MC GOWAN
- Page 28: Change all block numbers to 4525
WM. SIBURG- Change name of owner to MRS. ROBERT ALWARD, c/o 33, So. Waverly St., Kennewick, Wash.
TACOMA REALTY CO.- change name of owner to HUBERT E. CRAWFORD
C. R. MORRIS- delete entire paragraph.
- Page 30: JOHN F. SWIFT- Change as follows: Remove approx. 210 S. F. walk, construct approx. 210 S. F. 4" concrete walk; estimated cost \$141.00. Of the total work outlined above the City will bear the following portion of cost: For removal and construction of 210 S. F. concrete sidewalk, Total \$49.50.
- Page 31: K. V. SANDERS, ET AL- Change name of owner to CHAS. BUXTON, c/o Rt. 1, Box 175, Shelton, Wash.
SEBASTIAN GETZ- Change block number to 4831
- Page 32: OSCAR SEIDELMAN- Change name of owner to FRANK PATRINO; change block number to 4830
- Page 33: G. S. JACOBSON- Change name of owner to STAN SATHER
- Page 36: Delete entire page- duplication of page 28.
- Page 37: HENRY SCHUT- Change block number to 4525
BRUCE FORBES- Change name of owner to LESLIE McFADDEN, c/o 10228 Pacific Avenue; change block number to 4625
CORRINE E. COPPOCK- Change block number to 4625
DONALD W. MILLER- Change block number to 4625
LUCILLE FOX- Change block number to 4625
ROBERT PRITCHARD- change block number to 4625
Donald W. Miller- delete entire paragraph.
- Page 38: IDA EIDE- change block number to 4625
- Page 39: ANNIE MILLER- change name of owner to NELSON BRACKET
- Page 42: WALTER W. GLENN- change name of owner to WALTER W. GLUM
CHARLES GROVER, JR. - Change name of owner to CHARLES G. CARL, Jr., c/o Sparkman & McLean, 1110 3rd Ave., Seattle
- Page 43: ROBERT A. CROSS- Change description to "E 44' of Lots 23, 24 and 25, Block 4530.

Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Roll was then called on passage of Ordinance No. 15207, resulting as follows:

Roll call: ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date to which Council continued the hearing on application of City of Tacoma, Water Department, for vacation of a certain portion of East N Street ⁴¹⁸ at or near 37th Street, which is necessary for the construction of a low service reservoir, the Clerk read a communication from Kenneth O. Wilcox, Chief Planning Engineer, advising the City Planning Commission at its meeting of January 4, 1955, recommended approval of the vacation subject to the Public Utilities Department dedicating at such time as required for street purposes that portion of the tract owned by the Water Division and lying westerly of a straight line connecting the easterly boundary of East "M" Street to East 38th Street. Moved by Dr. Humiston to concur in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission and grant the request for the vacation of the property as requested by the Water Department. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

The L. I. D. Committee reported that hearing was held by the Committee on L. I. D. 4548 on January 3, 1955 for concrete paving and curbs on South 46th Street ³⁷⁴ from Park Avenue to South G Street, and at said meeting it was reported that a remonstrance of 62.8% had been filed against the improvement. In view of this large remonstrance, the L I D Committee sustained the remonstrance and ordered that the district be abandoned, and makes this recommendation to the Council. It was moved by

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Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mrs. Goering and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Backstrom presented M.C. #66- which he had prepared at the request of Councilman Hooker, on the subject of the City Hall Chimes. The question would be whether the City Council wished to move the old chimes to the new County-City Building, which would cost nearly \$4000 including installation of new electric strikers, or install new modern chimes for \$2,500.00. The report stated also that the cost of the electronic chimes could be covered if the old bells were turned in on the modern electronic sound device. The report was discussed, and it was pointed out by Mr. Bratrud that the final decision was up to the County Commissioners. It was moved by Mr. Jensen that the report be adopted and a copy be referred to the County Commissioners for consideration. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 1, Battin; Absent 1; Stojack.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 9:10 P. M.

Attest

Josephine Melton
City Clerk.

W. M. Jolly
President of City Council/