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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P.M. 80

Monday, March 10, 1958

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 5; Battin, Stojack, Perdue, Bratrud, Goering, Absent 4; Jensen, Tollefson, Mayor Anderson, Humiston. Humiston arrived at 7:45. In the absence of Mayor Anderson, Vice Mayor Battin presided until 8:00 P.M. at which time he was excused. Mr. Perdue then presided.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Bratrud, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and the reading thereof dispensed with. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 15244:

LID 4633:

By GOERING:

Fixing April 1, 1958 as the date for hearing on LID 4633 - grading and placing thereon a permanent type pavement, including concrete curbs and gutters and storm water catch basins on No. 21st St. from Union Avenue to Proctor St.

Adopted on roll call March 10, 1958

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Humiston, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson

Resolution No. 15245:

By HUMISTON:

Awarding contract to Walker Chevrolet on their bid of \$2,239.25, including sales tax, for purchase of one 1958 Truck Cab and Chassis.

Adopted on roll call March 10, 1958

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Humiston, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson

Resolution No. 15246:

By ANDERSON:

Awarding contract to Petroleum Heating Co., on their bid of \$14,818.00 including sales tax, for furnishing heating and control equipment for the Asphalt Plant.

Mr. Rowlands asked that this resolution be held over for one week to March 17, so that a complete report can be made on the asphalt program. Motion seconded by Bratrud. Carried on roll call, Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Humiston, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson.

Resolution No. 15247:

By BATTIN:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co. Inc., on their bid of \$52,682.05 plus sales tax on Items 25, 31 and 32, of \$4.03 for asphalt paving, concrete curb and gutter and storm drainage on Tyler St. from So. 15th to 19th St., Wilkeson St. from So. 19th to 23rd St., Ridgewood Ave. from So. 12th to 14th

As., also storm drains on So. 14th St. from Ridgewood Ave. to 180' west, thence southward to South 15th Street.

Adopted on roll call March 10, 1958

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Humiston, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson

Resolution No. 15248:

BY BRATRUD:

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Co., Inc., on their bid of \$48,523.00 for asphalt paving, concrete curb and gutter and storm drainage on South 9th Street from Lawrence to Pine, South 10th from Cedar to Pine and Junett Street from South 8th to South 13th Streets.

Adopted on roll call March 10, 1958

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Humiston, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson

Resolution No. 15249:

BY ANDERSON:

Granting approval to investment of funds and sales of securities made by the Board of Administration of the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System, providing all such investments and sales are approved by the Finance Committee of the City and that the Board of Administration formally report at least once each month to the City Council on all such sales and investments.

Mr. Rowlands asked that this resolution be postponed until March 24 so that the Retirement Board will have an opportunity to study the Resolution, as it was inadvertently presented for tonight's meeting.

Moved by Mr. Bratrud that the Resolution be held over for two weeks until March 24. Motion seconded by Mr. Stojack. Carried on roll call; Ayes 5, Nays 0; Absent 4; Humiston, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson.

Resolution No. 15233: (Postponed to this date on Feb. 24, 1958)

BY REQUEST OF THE COUNCIL:

Authorizing the Tacoma Transit System to increase the present bus fares charged by said system as follows:

| | From: | To: |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| Cash Fares | 20¢ | 25¢ |
| Token Fares | 3 for 50¢ | 5 for \$1.00 |
| Student Fares | 10¢ cash | 15¢ cash |

School tickets will be available at the increased rate, effective March 3, 1958

Mr. Perdue said the report on the Financial status of the Tacoma Transit Company which was distributed to the Council members at tonight's meeting was compiled by Franklin E. Johnson, Certified Public Accountant. Inasmuch as the Council has not had an opportunity to study this report, he moved that the Resolution be postponed for 2 weeks until March 24. Motion Seconded by Mr. Goering.

Mr. Perdue said there are other matters in relation to this that should be still further study. The fact that the raise in rates, not only effects

those that ride the transit system, but it is estimated that the riders on the Transit will be decreased by about 10%. If that happens, it will effect business in the area and also effect property values, he added. Mr. Bratrud said he thought it was unfortunate that the report had not been received by the Council members before tonight so they could have had an opportunity to study it, but he thought this was an emergency and suggested that this be postponed for one week instead of two weeks. He said that as much could be accomplished in one week as there could in two weeks.

Mr. Perdue said he understood that the State was interested in this particular matter, as it is not strictly a local matter, inasmuch as it has so many ramifications. He felt the Council should be aware of the fact that by increasing the Transit rates, they will decrease the number of people riding the Transit. If, in the end, he said, the City has to subsidize the funds of the Transit Company, and have reduced the amount of people riding the transit, we will not be able to get these customers back again. Dr. Humiston said he agreed with Mr. Bratrud, that one week would give the Council sufficient time to consider this report. He said the entire Council was invited to the Transit Co's meetings and they were well publicized, and he felt sufficient time was allowed to present any information to the Committee. He said the only justifiable reasons for setting this over would be the fact the Council did not receive the full report of the Committee's proceedings plus the report from Mr. Johnson before tonight's meeting.

Dr. Humiston then moved to amend Mr. Perdue's motion that this be laid over for 1 week instead of two weeks.

Mr. Stojack said he thought the purpose of the Transit Committee was to study and try to see if they could resolve the matter instead of having a "stop gap" measure. He asked what the recommendations of the committee are? He said he was against the postponement in the beginning and felt the Transit Co. has been very patient.

Dr. Humiston said embodied in the report is all the various suggestions, which are other than "stop gaps". Some of them are going to take a lot of time to study. Some of the possibilities will require changes in the Legislation, also the interim Committee of the Legislature is holding meetings at the present time for the purpose of examining this problem. This committee recognizes that this was somewhat a controversial and tremendously important matter and did not as a committee come up with specific recommendations to the Council. This report was then presented to the Council for their opinions rather than the committee to furnish an opinion. Dr. Humiston said his personal feeling was to pass this Resolution because he thought it was necessary and felt there was nothing else the committee could do right now.

Roll was then called on the amendment to the motion to postpone for one week. Ayes 5; Nays 1, Stojack; Absent 3; Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson.

Roll was called on the original motion as amended. Ayes 6; Nays 0; Absent 3; Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson.

Dr. Battin left at this time and Mr. Perdue assumed the chair.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16065:

Vacating the following plats located in the Tideflats area: Lincoln Avenue Addition, that portion lying south of Lincoln Avenue and excepting Milwaukee Way; Lawler Miller Co's Milwaukee Terminal Addition, except Milwaukee Way and except new Marshall Avenue connection east of Milwaukee Way; McKone's Tideland Addition; Lawler's Fifth Tideland Addition; Lawler's Sixth Tideland Addition.

Marc Anderson, Manager of the Port of Tacoma, said the purpose for this vacation was to replat the area into lots which will adapt themselves into Industrial type of plats or sites. The Ordinance was then placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16062:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to the reclassification of property located behind 8421 Pacific Avenue from an R-2 One-Family Dwelling District to a C-2 Commercial District.

Roll call: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson

Ordinance No. 16063:

Amending the Charter and Official Code relating to reclassification of property located at the N.W. corner of South 73rd Street and Park Avenue from an R-2 One-Family Dwelling District to a C-1 Commercial District.

Roll call; Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson

Ordinance No. 16064:

Ordering the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks, gutters and curbs along and driveways across sidewalks and appurtenances and works necessary thereto in various locations throughout the City.

Roll call: Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Utilities presents the assessment rolls for the following Local Improvement Districts:

LID 5277 - Watermains in South 72nd Street from Sheridan to Alaska, and area bounded by South 72nd Street, Alaska, South 76th and Asotin Streets. X

LID 5291 - Watermains in area bounded by North 42nd Street, View Ridge Drive, and Frace Avenue with cast iron watermains. X

Moved by Mr. Bratrud that April 15, 1958 be fixed as the date of hearing thereon. Motion Seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried on roll call; Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson

This is the date fixed by Resolution No. 15206 for hearing on the vacation of Bismarck Street from the East line of East F Street to the west line of East G Street - Petition of the East Side Boys Club.

Mr. Buehler said this vacation is for the East Side Boys Club at 64th and East G on the Milwaukee Way tracks.

No objections were presented at the Planning Commission hearing. The Public Works and Utility Departments approved the vacation. This vacation is requested for an expansion to enable the Boys Club to put in a ball field and Playfield. The Commission unanimously recommended that it be vacated.

Dr. Humiston moved that the Ordinance be drawn to implement this vacation. Motion seconded by Mrs. Goering; Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 4; Battin, Jensen, Tollefson and Mayor Anderson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bratrud said the Humane Society has complained that around Easter certain stores give away colored baby chicks, ducks, or other fowl and that youngsters who receive these pets have no room to care for them and as a result after they have kept them for a week or so they are turned over to the Humane Society. It was suggested by the Humane Society that the City pass an ordinance making it unlawful for any person to give away living chicks, rabbits, ducklings or other fowl in any quantity less than six.

It was suggested that the City Attorney look into the matter and prepare an ordinance for next weeks meeting.

Mr. Otto H. Dunayski said he had gone to the Tacoma Transit Company's Office and secured the salary of the Company's personnel and quoted the various salary scales, including the drivers salaries of \$2.02 an hour. He said they have an agreement whereby the company pays the premium on an accident or sick leave policy which would pay the employee \$40.00 a week for 26 weeks. Mr. Dunayski suggested inasmuch as the Transit Company wants a fare increase that the City should put the occupation tax back on the Company. He said he didn't think there was a city in the country that had a transportation problem that was exempt from paying taxes. He explained that this raise in bus rates would effect approximately 31,000 school children, and if these rates were increased there would be a lot of school children that would have to drop out of school before they could complete high school due to financial conditions, and eventually would create a juvenile delinquency problem. Mr. Dunayski asked the Council to give serious consideration before any action is taken in increasing bus rates for school children.

Dr. Humiston advised there were two public hearings on the Transit Company problem and said he was sorry Mr. Dunayski did not avail himself to come to those hearings, as he would have found out the answers to some of his questions. Dr. Humiston said that Mr. Dunayski wasn't any more anxious than he was, as a member of the Transit Committee, to have low fares for public transportation, and he was very unhappy about the whole matter, but felt this was all they could do about it right now.

Mr. Perdue said Mr. Dunayski's remarks will be given consideration by the Council as the Resolution is being postponed for one week.

Council then adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Attest:

Joseph H. Miller
City Clerk

Chas. Battin
Vice President of City Council