

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P.M.
Monday, June 2, 1958

Council met in regular session. Present on roll call 8; Bratrud, Goering, Hanson, Humiston, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson, Anderson. Absent 1, Battin.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, and seconded by Mr. Bratrud that the minutes of the previous meeting, May 26, 1958, be approved. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Battin.

As this was the meeting at which the Council members elected in March, 1958 assumed their office under the provisions of the Charter, the following newly elected Councilmembers were administered the Oath of office by the City Clerk, F. R. Easterday, James R. Porter, and Ellen R. Price. These members assumed their chairs at this time.

Mayor Anderson advised that the next order of business would be the election of a Mayor for the next two years.

Mr. Hanson moved that all ballots be made by roll call vote. Seconded by Mr. Porter.

Mr. Perdue explained that the usual procedure in the past has been by written ballot and sees no reason why this method should not be used now.

Mr. Bratrud asked the City Clerk to advise the Council of the procedure used at the last election for Mayor. The minutes of the meeting of June 4, 1956 were referred to and it was found that the vote was taken on a secret written ballot.

Mr. Hanson said he could see where there would be differences of opinion, but said he would like to have their backers, the citizens of Tacoma, who voted at the last election, know how they voted on this matter for the election of Mayor.

Dr. Humiston advised he was going to vote against this motion. He said the Council has a responsibility of selecting a Mayor, who will preside over this Council and said he thinks that the secret written ballot is the proper procedure, because when someone is elected, it should not be a matter of record who is for the Mayor, as the Mayor should have the support of all the Councilmembers and the names of those who vote for or against the Mayor should not be shown. Roll was called on Mr. Hanson's motion that the election be made by roll call. Ayes 4, Easterday, Hanson, Porter, Price; Nays 5, Bratrud, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Anderson. Motion lost.

Mr. Bratrud then moved that the election be conducted in the same manner as it was held two years ago, by secret ballot. Seconded by Dr. Humiston.

Mr. Porter advised he believed the trial ballot was unnecessary and did not add much information to the voting. Vote was then taken on the motion to call for a secret ballot. Resulting as follows: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

The ballots were cast and the count showed Mr. Hanson 4 votes, Dr. Humiston 3 votes, and Mr. Anderson 2 votes. Ballots were again cast for Mayor resulting as follows: Mr. Hanson 6 votes, Dr. Humiston 3 votes.

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Mr. Hanson was then declared elected Mayor and the City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mr. Hanson.

Mayor Hanson thanked the members of the Council for imposing their confidence in him, and said he would do his utmost to execute the duties of the office in the best interests of all of Tacoma. He said he knows the Council will pull together harmoniously though, "there will be differences, but are healthy, if they are on the basis of honest debate and differences of opinion", he added.

Mr. Anderson thanked the Council for all the work they have done in the past two years while he was Mayor. He said they have started on a wonderful bond program, and our relations with the military are of the best, in the history of the City of Tacoma. The General of the 6th Army has said that their relations with the City of Tacoma are the best of any military establishment. He said he knows that these conditions will continue. He said he has enjoyed his two years as Mayor of the City of Tacoma. "It's fun to be in and it's fun to be out", he added. He said he knows that the new Council will spend a lot of time and will do their best. He congratulated Mayor Hanson, and said he wanted him to know he will do everything to make his term as Mayor of the City the best that Tacoma has ever had.

Mayor Hanson thanked Mr. Anderson and advised that he would request a Resolution be drawn thanking him for his unselfish devotion to the duties of the office of Mayor, he knows that he will be of great assistance, and would be calling on him often. Mayor Hanson called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll of the new Council. Present 9, Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter, Price and Hanson.

Mayor Hanson announced the next order of business would be the election of the Vice Mayor. Ballots were cast for Vice Mayor resulting as follows: Dr. Humiston 5; Mr. Bratrud 2; Mr. Porter 1; Mr. Anderson 1. Dr. Humiston was declared elected to the office of Vice Mayor and was administered the oath of office by the City Clerk.

Regular order of business was resumed and Council proceeded with the consideration of Resolutions.

Resolution No. 15356:

By STOJACK:

Authorizing the execution of a written contract with the Developer, Morley Brotman and Marion Brotman, for the improvement of the streets and ways abutting proposed shopping center at So. 19th and Stevens Streets.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15360:

By ANDERSON:

Commending Dr. Charles T. Battin for his outstanding service to the City of Tacoma during his term as Councilman.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Resolution No. 15361:By ANDERSON:

Commending Everett Jensen for his outstanding service to the City of Tacoma during his term as Councilman.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15362:By ANDERSON:

Commending Frank N. Stojack for his outstanding service to the City of Tacoma during his term as Councilman.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15363:By ANDERSON:

Commending Harold M. Tollefson for his outstanding service to the City of Tacoma during his term as Mayor and Councilman.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15364:By HUMISTON:

Settling claim of Ralph L. Matteson in the amount of \$700.00 and directing payment of said amount out of the Sewer Utility Fund.

Mr. McCormick, City Attorney, advised that attached to the Resolution is a copy of a communication from Robert Comfort, Assistant City Attorney, which gives a complete list of damages and statement of facts. He explained further that this claim resulted from the backing up of sewers. He said there are several claims of this type pending and felt this one was for a good settlement. He said it was well under what they felt they could recover in a damage suit.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15365:By BRATRUD:

Awarding contract to Howard Cooper Corporation for furnishing the Annual Fire Hose Requirements for the total amount of \$5,286.00 plus sales tax.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

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Resolution No. 15366:

By GOERING:

Awarding contract to Don D. Demick Electric Supply Company for furnishing 2600 feet Cable for sum of \$4,160.00 plus sales tax.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, advised this cable is to be used for the new County-City building in connection with the communication set-up. He added that there is another Resolution that he would like to have considered later on which makes it possible to pay for this equipment out of the Cumulative Reserve Fund for the new City Hall which has been set aside for several years.

Dr. Humiston then asked if this had to do with the communication system that we decided to go for that was more expensive than in the original plans.

Mr. Rowlands advised that this new cable will tie into the new center from the existing communications center.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15367:

By ANDERSON:

Awarding contract to North Pacific Bank Note Co., for printing the General Obligation Bonds of the City of Tacoma, 1958, for the sum of \$4,001.00, plus sales tax.

Mr. Bratrud asked if there had been any other bids received for this work. Mr. Rowlands advised this was the only bid, and that the cost will average 50¢ per bond for the printing.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15368:

By PRICE:

Rescinding Resolution No. 15317, regarding Local Improvement District No. 5300 which was passed by Council April 28, 1958.

Mr. Bratrud, member of the L I D Committee explained this L I D 5300 entailed quite a large district, as a portion of the area was for replacement of old wooden mains. The area from So. 52nd & So. 54th Street from L Street to M Street, which was a new section, had over 50% remonstrances filed against it. Many of the property owners claimed that this was swamp land and would not benefit anyone. Discussion was held at the meeting as to whether or not this portion could be dropped out, but the City Attorney advised them this could not be done, that if they wanted to eliminate this portion from the area, they would have to initiate a new petition. This Resolution, Mr. Bratrud explained, was the result of the meeting. He added that the Committee felt it would be better to re-evaluate the area rather than to lose the entire district.

Resolution No. 15368: (Cont'd.)

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15369:L I D 5300: ✓By HUMISTON:

Fixing Tuesday, July 1, 1958 as date for hearing on L I D 5300 - area bounded by East 52nd Street, East K Street, East 54th Street, East L Street, East 64th Street, and McKinley Avenue, together with East 54th Street and East 56th Street from East L Street to Portland Avenue.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 15370:By EASTERDAY:

Approving and confirming action of the Public Utility Board in authorizing the Director of Utilities to give written notice to the Public Utility Dist. #2 of Grant Co., that the City exercises its option to purchase 8% of the power of the Wanapum hydroelectric project in accordance with the terms and conditions of said resolution and subject to restrictions and rights reserved to the Public Utility Board and Council of the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Barline explained that two years ago the City entered into a contract with Grant County for the purchase of 8% of the output of the power from the Priest Rapids Project. The Priest Rapids Project is made up of two dams. One is known as the Priest Rapids Dam and the second as the Wanapum Dam. The contract that we have now is for the Priest Rapids Dam and a part of that contract gives the purchasers of that power, the option to take up the same amount of power from the Wanapum Dam. In accordance with the notice received on March 5, 1958, we have until June 5, 1958 to accept the option for purchase. He said the City proposes to purchase 8% of the output from the Wanapum Project, this will be approximately the same amount we receive from the two Cushman Dams, he said. The cost of power from Wanapum Dam will be a little higher than that from Priest Rapids which we anticipate will be about $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills. The estimates on the Wanapum will be about $3\frac{1}{2}$ mills.

Mr. Barline advised that by taking up this option at this time it does not commit the City of Tacoma in any way. As for the drawing of the contract, certain exploratory work and investigation, together with the writing of specifications advertising for construction bids will all have to be done. Following that, financing will have to be arranged and interest rates obtained he added. It will not be until all of these figures are known, and what the financing is, before we will be called upon to make a final decision. Our best estimate as to when the final decision must be made is shortly after January 1st, 1959 he added.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

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Resolution No. 15371:

Appropriating \$4,350.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the Cumulative Reserve Fund for ^{the purpose of} providing for the purchase of 2600 feet of electric cable for the Fire Alarm System in the New City Hall.

Mr. Rowlands asked that the rules be suspended in order to consider Resolution No. 15371, which was brought in too late to be placed on the agenda.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 15371. Motion carried. Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Adopted on Roll Call, June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16121:

By GOERING:

Rezoning property located at the Northeast and Northwest corners of South 19th and Stevens Street from an R-2 One Family Dwelling District to a C-P-N Planned Neighborhood Shopping Center District.

Mr. Rowlands advised that this Ordinance is in connection with Resolution No. 15356, which was adopted tonight. He said it is requested that this Resolution be executed prior to the effective date of the Ordinance. ~~If Council passed the Ordinance tonight it will not become effective until 10 days after publication so the Ordinance will not have to be published until the agreements are properly signed.~~

Mr. Russell Buehler, City Planner, advised that this Ordinance is to provide for the first planned shopping center district under the zoning Ordinance to permit the establishment of a controlled type shopping center. He said that at the Planning Commission hearing, there were some objections to this rezoning by the abutting property owners, but they were resolved by the controlling of accesses by the agreement authorized in Resolution No. 15356. He said this covers one of the newest types of zoning controls, and was the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the zoning of this property.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

:Ordinance No. 16122:

By BRATRUD:

Amending the Official Code of the City relating to Working Fund Advances (Administrative and Inspection Divisions of the Public Works Department)

Mr. Rowlands advised that this Ordinance makes it possible to increase the Revolving Fund, or Petty Cash Fund in the department from a nominal amount of \$25.00 to \$40.00 and from \$40.00 to \$75.00. This will reduce the

amount of paper work in the Finance Department, and will expedite the work by making this small change, he added.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958
Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Resolution No. 16123:

BY REQUEST OF GOERING:

Prohibiting discrimination in private housing because of race, creed, color or national origin and creating a Board Against Discrimination. 271

Dr. Humiston asked that this Ordinance be postponed for one week for further study.

Mr. Bratrud said he would second Dr. Humiston's motion, but wondered if this were a long enough period. He said he had received a number of telephone calls regarding this Ordinance and thought it should be postponed for a longer period.

Mrs. Goering said that if the Ordinance is to be postponed, she knew that there were people in the audience who should be given an opportunity to be heard.

Dr. Humiston advised that he would like a little time, but a weeks' postponement would satisfy his requirements and as long as there was no second to his motion, he said he would be happy to listen to debate, and then at the conclusion ask for a postponement.

Mr. Hoagland, the Housing Chairman, for the Local Council of the State Board against discrimination, and Chairman for the local Chapter of the NAACP, explained that at present the discrimination in housing is subtle and often intangible. He said there was a state law legalizing against discrimination in public housing, or housing requiring Federal or State funds, nevertheless this is not drastic enough as there are too many loopholes and too many avenues of people finding alibis to honor the properly ethical position. In January, the Housing Committee of the State Board proposed a law which so far has been upheld by twelve cities and with considerable success in the City of New York and the State of New York. There are a number of points in dealing with this matter, he said. One is, no doubt, within several years the Center Street project will have gone through the courts, and the people who will be required to move from the project will need to find housing. Under the local relocation agent which is, the Tacoma Housing Authority, there is no way of taking steps against discrimination. This he said, can only come from the community itself. Therefore, he hoped that Council will pass this Ordinance.

Mr. Jack Tanner who is an Attorney and President of the Northwest area of the NAACP, advised that the Tacoma Housing Authority has gone on record in reference to the Urban Renewal Development Program, that the displaced persons of a minority group are going to be relocated in areas "as community practice", which, he said, in the City of Tacoma is one of discrimination. Mr. Tanner said they are not dealing with property but are dealing with human rights. "All we are attempting to do with this type of legislation is to uphold our Democratic institutions", he said.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bailey H. Nieder, President of the Tacoma

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Section of the Council of Jewish women, advising that in accordance with the principles of the National Council, and their resolutions passed at their last National Convention they resolve to support all legislation of a National, State or local level, which extends Civil and Economic rights to all without discrimination or segregation. They urged the City Council to adopt the Ordinance.

Mayor Hanson asked that a copy of this letter be sent to each Council member with their agenda on Friday.

Mr. Ward Smith, a Realtor in the City, spoke as a taxpayer who is involved in Real Estate and in the matter of lending money and managing property. He said there is a bill in the State Legislature which is known as the "Discrimination Bill". He said a vast majority of the people who can well be affected by this bill are not cognizant of the bill itself. He believes that by adopting this Ordinance the City will be running into constitutional matters which have not been settled in this State. He said he thought this type of legislation should emanate from a State level rather than from the local level. Mr. Smith said he has yet to find a real problem in the City of Tacoma. He asked that Council give favorable consideration to table this Ordinance until further study is given on the matter.

Reverend Harold Bass, spoke as a minister and as a member of the NAACP. He advised that the problem of discrimination is much greater than is realized and asked Council's support in passing the Ordinance.

Mr. Cal Winslow, Treasurer of Local No. 23, also urged Council to give favorable and early passage to the Ordinance.

Mr. George Poe, a Realtor, said that Council should give further consideration and much study before passing the Ordinance and asked to have it tabled.

Mr. Rex Jones spoke in behalf of the Ordinance and urged its passage.

Mr. Bratrud moved that the Ordinance be tabled, until such time as more information can be obtained. Seconded by Mr. Porter. Carried. Ayes 6; Nays 3; Easterday, Goering and Humiston.

Mrs. Goering asked what procedure Council should follow to ascertain more information on this matter. Would it be instructions from the Manager or by some other method, she asked.

Mayor Hanson suggested that all information received from the public be submitted to the Manager in written form so that copies could be prepared and distributed to Council, which could be studied. It seems to be the consensus of the people that more information is needed, he added.

Mr. Porter asked that copies of the State Law, covering "discrimination" be sent to the Council members for their information.

Mr. Hanson advised that Mr. Rowlands would see that this information is supplied.

Ordinance No. 16124:By BATTIN:

Relating to welding, making it unlawful for any person to engage in the business of welding, any steel or iron structural member, in the City without securing a certificate therefor, and adding a new chapter to the Official Code of the City under Title 6.

Mr. Lester Gillis, Building Inspector, said a meeting was held with the Carpenter's Union and they are still somewhat apart in their thinking on the provisions of the Ordinance. The position of the Carpenters' is that they fear it will interfere with their control of the jurisdiction of the business of erecting and placing pre-cast concrete structural members, in that the requirement for the welder's certificate will make it difficult for their men to meet this requirement, and that there is a possibility that the jurisdiction of the work will be claimed then by the other Unions who also can do this work. He said anyone can qualify as a welder if they can pass the test, which will be a fair test and will be given by the Vocational School. He said there was an amendment that should be made which is merely a clarification of the Ordinance, in Section 6.73.020 under "Examinations" should read: "No person shall weld any steel or iron structural member or perform any structural weld on a concrete reinforcing bar, etc; the words 'perform any structural weld on a concrete' should be added", he said.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston to amend the Ordinance by adding these words 'perform any structural weld on a concrete'. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Carried unanimously on roll call.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

Ordinance No. 16125:By ANDERSON:

Appropriating the sum of \$15,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the Sewer Utility Fund, for the purpose of paying claims against the City arising out of floods in various areas of said City.

Mr. Rowlands advised that as settlements are made for the sewers backing up in the basements, the money should be paid from the Sewer Utility Fund, and enough money was not appropriated at the beginning of the year to take care of the claims that are now being submitted and being settled. This Ordinance is to take care of additional claims, which should be paid out of the Utility Fund, he said.

Adopted on Roll Call June 2, 1958

Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: an appointed Council members, Mr. Burke, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Humiston to serve on the L I B Committee for June, July and August.

This is the date fixed by Council for the hearing on the petition of Edward P. Miller, et al, for a replat of the area North of North 17th Street between Mildred Street and Miller's Skyline Terraces 2nd Addition was considered at this time. The Clerk reported that no remonstrances had been filed against the replat.

Mr. Russell Buehler, Director of Planning, advised that the Planning Commission recommends the replatting be approved and explained the reason for the replat. It was then moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Anderson that the petition of Edward P. Miller, et al, be approved, and an Ordinance prepared for the replat.

Motion carried: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

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

- ✓ a. Monthly Report for Tacoma Transit System - April, 1958
- ✕ b. Belt Line Division - Monthly Financial Report - April 30, 1958
- ✕ c. Light Division - Monthly Financial Report - March 31, 1958
- ✓ d. Light Division - Monthly Financial Report - April 30, 1958
- ✕ e. Water Division - Monthly Financial Report - April 30, 1958

COMMENTS:

✓ Mrs. Robert L. Naragon, residing at 921 East 56th Street, complained of the serious weed problem on vacated lots adjacent to her property. She asked that something be done about this hazardous condition.

Mr. Rowlands advised that he would have the Public Works Department check into this matter and report to the Council as to what can be done.

Mayor Hanson appointed Council members, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Anderson, and Mrs. Price to serve on the L I D Committee for June, July and August.

There being no further business or comments from the audience, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.


President of City Council

Attest:


City Clerk