

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

City Council Chambers, 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, October 8, 1964

Present on roll call 9: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Price, Herrmann, Johnson, Murtland, and Mayor Tollefson.

Mayor Tollefson said, this is a continued hearing on the budget for 1965. He remarked that after the budget hearing yesterday the Council had a study session and discussed where curtailments could be effected. The Council requested that the recommendations made by Mr. Erdahl and Mr. Rowlands submitted on September 23, 1964 to the Council be implemented. He added, the Council in making this decision is not of the opinion that the one-half step increase is adequate to bring the pay schedule up to what it should be without a full and complete salary survey, however, the Council has been advised by the Personnel Staff that a one-half step is justified because of the national trend. 24

Following this meeting monies were found by making adjustments. The consensus of the Council was that this program be adopted and also that a complete salary survey be prepared prior to the next year's budget.

Mayor Tollefson asked if the Council had any remarks. No remarks made by the Council, Mayor Tollefson said, he would entertain a motion with regard to the proposed changes in the 1965 preliminary budget.

Mr. Haley moved that the total budget be adjusted as outlined in the memorandum dated October 8, 1964 as follows:

REVISIONS IN 1965 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

General Fund Expenditures Exceeding Revenues	(\$151,274)
I. <u>Additions - Revenues</u>	
Taxes (Assessed Valuation Increase)	40,402
3/4 Mill to General (Fire Millage)	132,411
Library Surplus	10,800
Admission Tax (Metropolitan Park Bd)	4,000
II. <u>Reductions - Expenditures</u>	
Capital Outlay	99,583
Street Lighting Maintenance	135,000
Library Budget	16,445
Overtime Budgeted	<u>12,000</u>
Total Increase Available	<u>\$299,367</u>
III. <u>Revised Budget Revenues and Expenditures</u>	

Parking Meter Revenue Decrease	25,000
Humane Society	5,409
Annual Report	3,500
Parking Meter Contract	2,200
Reserve Fund	11,473
Implementation Recommendations 1 thru 4 of Letter	<u>251,785</u>
	<u>\$299,367</u>

Seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Mr. Dillaway, representing the Pierce County Taxation Bureau, stated the bureau was concerned about the budget in that no provisions have been made in regard to the Transit System deficit.

Mayor Tollefson said they were all concerned in that regard.

Mr. Kinville, representing Local 120, Pierce County and City Employees, said the employees he represents thought they would have the opportunity to choose between a wage increase or the longevity plan. He said they would prefer the longevity plan rather than a one-half step increase.

Mr. Rowlands explained that he, Mr. Erdahl and the Staff discussed this longevity plan and realized the impact or effect it would have on other departments that would not receive a longevity plan. He added in all fairness that is one of the reasons they could not give serious consideration in recommending the plan to the City Council. He said they like to keep all benefits equalized if at all possible.

Mr. Erdahl said that Mr. Kinville does not represent the entire clerical staff and he thought they should discuss this longevity plan along with the survey as suggested as it needs more time and study.

Mayor Tollefson said the entire longevity program will have to be studied in regard to all City employees prior to the Council making a decision. All of the City employees would have to be polled concerning the pros and cons of a longevity program.

Mr. Gordon, representing the Professional Engineers, said if the City hoped to keep its Engineers both in the Utilities Department and the General Government their salaries would have to be equal to private industry.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the preliminary budget for 1965 as amended by the City Council be adopted in the amount of \$42,851.945 and that an Ordinance be prepared for the next Council meeting for action by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Dr. Herrmann moved that an Ordinance be prepared providing for the necessary ad-valorem levy of taxes for the City of Tacoma for the fiscal year 1965 which is necessary to raise a portion of the amount of the estimated expenditures for the General Fund and that said Ordinance be prepared for the next Council meeting for action by the Council. Seconded by Mr. Haley. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

No one else wishing to speak, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.