

Tuesday, October 2, 1956.

Council reconvened. Present 6; Battin, Bratrud, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson, Anderson. Absent 3; Goering (taking her seat at 7:40 P. M), Jensen (taking his seat at 7:37 P. M) and Stojack (taking his seat at 7:55 P. M.).

FINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date to which hearing on the Preliminary Budget was continued, the matter was taken up at this time. Mayor Anderson welcomed the members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, who were present at the Budget Hearing, and also the other interested citizens in the Council Chamber. He then turned the meeting over to David D. Rowlands, City Manager, to present budget information.

Mr. Rowlands presented and explained the following Charts pertaining to the Budget and operation of the City, which had been prepared by his staff:

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| 1. Accomplishments in the year 1956. | 8. Codification of Ordinances; |
| 2. 11th and 12th Street Interchange; | 9. Health Insurance; |
| 3. Paving Milwaukee Way; | 10. Resurfacing of existing permanent paved streets; |
| 4. Widening 19th Street; | 11. Sidewalk repair; |
| 5. Street Lighting; | 12. City L I D Participation; |
| 6. County-City Building Agreement; | 13. Right of Way Acquisition; |
| 7. Blanket Insurance Contract; | 14. Engineering studies. |
| 8. Board of Adjustment; | |

II. PLANS FOR 1957.

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| 1. Records Management program; | 9. Forms Analysis |
| 2. Inauguration of one man Patrol Cars (on a limited basis) | 10. Starting of Central Equipment Agency; |
| 3. Legislative Co-ordination; | 11. Stepped up Planning Activity; |
| 4. In Service Training Program; | 12. Safety Co-ordinator of personnel; |
| 5. Continuation of L I D Participation; | 13. Radar Control; |
| 6. Preparation of Annual Report; | 14. Fire-fighting agreements; |
| 7. Continuation of Street sealing program and reconstruction program; | 15. 6 year Capital Improvements program; |
| 8. Establishment of a City Car Pool; | 16. Completion of sewerage system survey; |
| | 17. Additional Traffic Signals. |

III Estimated Revenues. Comparison of 1956 and 1957 estimated revenues and percentage of increase or decrease. The total revenues for 1956 were \$8,013,236 and Total estimated Revenues for 1957 are \$8,291,381, which is up 3.47%.

IV Revenues of Self-supporting Utilities, Light, Water, Belt Line, Garbage, Sewers.

Estimated expenditures by Departments- showing 1956 actual, 1957 estimated. Total expenditures anticipated for 1957- \$8,291,381, of which 64% goes for personal services.

V Outstanding Debts.

VI Millage Comparison. Showing amount which goes to Schools, County, City, Park Board, etc.

Questions asked by Council members and by the audience were answered and explained by Mr. Rowlands during the progress of the presentation.

Dean Barline, Director of Utilities, was called upon to explain and answer questions pertaining to the Utilities Budget for Light and Water Divisions. Mr. Barline presented a new Budget for his department, revised on September 20, 1956, and copies of this were distributed to Council Members and the Press. Mr. Barline discussed various items in the Budget briefly.

Mr. Bratrud questioned the item on page 60 of the Light Department Budget under "Sales Promotion" which has been increased from \$97,357 in the 1956 Budget to \$180,495 in 1957, and asked Mr. Barline to explain the purpose and necessity for this expenditure. Mr. Barline explained that this included advertising and participation in the program of encouraging customers to change from side arm to automatic hot water heaters and from flame type to electric ranges. He defended this procedure as being necessary as the City is going to be faced with a competitor next year in the form of natural gas. If the Gas Company cuts deeply into the City's electric accounts, the peak load will be reduced and it will cost everybody more money for electricity, Mr. Barline contended. The Natural Gas Co. is pouring \$3,000,000 into the Tacoma-Seattle-Everett area for advertising in the coming year, he added.

Dr. Battin asked about the item of "Vacations, emergencies and contingencies" which appeared in numerous places throughout the Budget, saying it was his understanding that it was not customary to hire additional help for vacation relief. Mr. Barline explained that this item was copied from an old budget and in the majority of instances the reference to vacations should be deleted. This item covers overtime, and the hiring of personnel to fill jobs when an employee such as a lineman or meter reader is ill, Mr. Barline said. Certain jobs such as metermen require the hiring of a substitute during vacations, he added.

Dr. Battin also asked if there was not a duplication of jobs on page 15- "Purchasing and Stores Super." and on Page 12- "Personnel Asst." and "Personnel Training Officer" as it was his impression that these duties for the entire City were handled by the Purchasing Agent and Personnel Director in General Government. Mr. Barline explained that these classifications in no way conflict with General Government. The Purchasing Agent in their set-up takes care of the purchase of small items for the Department's use and has supervision over the store-keepers, Mr. Barline said. Their Personnel Training Officer handles the employees after the Utilities Department obtains them, as all examinations and certifications are handled by the Personnel Director of General Government.

Mrs. Goering asked about the magazine called "Reflections" (page 28) for which a total of \$9,800 for printing, engraving and photos is budgeted in 1957. She said to her way of thinking this was an awful lot of money for a little monthly magazine, which is distributed primarily to Utilities Employees. Mr. Bratrud asked about the "Informational Writer" on page 27 at a yearly salary of \$5,760 and Mr. Barline said this employe worked on "Reflections" as part of his duties. Mr. Barline admitted that "Reflections" was costing too much and they were making a study to see if costs can be cut in half if possible.

Mr. Barline asked Gerrit VanderEnde of the Utility Board to present to the Council the Water Department's request for \$140,000 for Hydrant Rental. Mr. VanderEnde referred to a letter which the Utility Board had written to each Council Member on August 16th, pertaining to this question. He drew comparisons between the Plant Value, number of hydrants and rental received per hydrant in 1923, 1946, 1955 and 1956. In 1923 the Plant value was \$171,000, the City had 1531 Hydrants and the rental amounted to \$50.95 per hydrant, while in 1956 the value has increased to \$643,000, the number of hydrants is 2783 and the rental amounted to only \$28.70 per hydrant, Mr. VanderEnde stated. He claimed the Water Department could not do an adequate job on the revenues they receive and that the increase of Hydrant rental to \$140,000 is not an unreasonable request on the part of the Water Department. Dr. Humiston said he felt the Council should pay a negotiated amount for fire hydrant rental next year and before another budget year a decision should be reached as to whether this item is a proper charge on the General Fund. He was inclined to believe there was some question whether the City should pay for something of this nature operated by a self-supported sister organization, he added. Mr. Tollefson said this question should have been studied as it was brought up the first of the year. He felt the question would have to be resolved as to whether the Water Department or General Government should bear the expense and the matter should be settled once

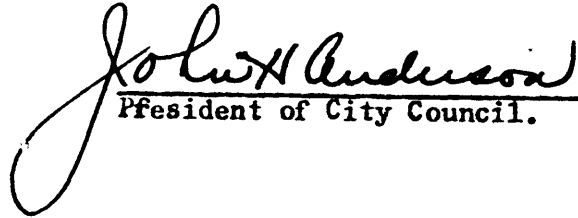
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and for all, Mr. Tollefson said.

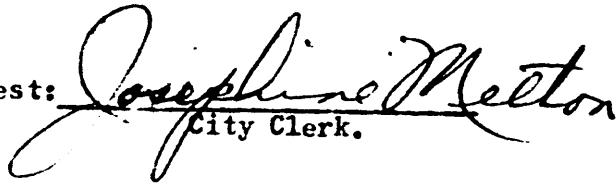
Mr. Bratrud stated that it is under consideration to remove the positions of City Manager and Director of Utilities from the Compensation Plan and place them directly under the Council and Utility Board, both salaries to be ultimately approved by Resolution of the Council.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Budget hearing be continued to Wednesday, October 3rd, 1956 at 7:30 P. M.

At 10:20 P. M. upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council recessed to Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:30 P. M.


President of City Council.

Attest:


City Clerk.