

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

City Council Chambers
Wednesday, November 28, 1973

Mayor Johnston reconvened the Budget Hearing at 8:17 p.m.

Present on roll call: 8 - Egan, Herrmann, Hudson, Moss, Nalley, Schuur, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Jarstad.

Jack Creighton, Program Management System Director and Assistant Planning Department Director, reviewed the results of the citizen budget review process with members of the City Council. He noted the program, which also involved greater involvement from department heads, was a good first effort despite the limited time available for its utilization. He stated the real value of the effort was to determine more meaningful citizen involvement in future budget review efforts. Toward that end, he presented Council with a position statement from members of the Citizens Budget Review Committee outlining their recommendations for future budget review committees.

Mr. David Brubaker, 3215 North 9th, appeared before Council and stated he would like to emphasize point nine of the position statement. Mr. Brubaker, who was a member of the Citizens Budget Review Committee, stated there was a serious need for a more diversified representative group of citizens to assist in the process.

Finance Director, Earl Mittelstaedt, presented a detailed review of the City's expenditures, including all of the non-departmental expenditures and general fund department expenditures.

Mrs. Egan indicated she would like to see funds utilized in the Supplemental Budget for the acquisition of a Beautification Planner. She also said she would like to see the sum of approximately \$10,000 provided the Metropolitan Park Board to finance the program reviewed Tuesday night providing for a floor for the handicapped.

Mrs. Ellida Kirk, President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission, requested Council to remove the earmarking on the funds allocated on page 202 of the budget relating to publicity and public relations. These funds, dealing with civic arts, were earmarked last year, she said. However, this year the funds are to be unmarked and are to be utilized by the Arts Commission in 1974. She also requested additional money for the Arts Program administered by the Commission.

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City Manager, William Donaldson, then presented the Council with a report encompassing a proposed plan for balancing the budget. He asked Council to review the information and expressed the hope that he would have an opportunity to discuss the plan with members of the Council prior to the adoption of the budget some time in the middle of December.

Mayor Johnston asked for comments from the audience; however, no citizens appeared to speak.

At 9:30 p.m., Mayor Johnston declared the 1974 Public Budget Hearings closed.

Upon proper motion by Dr. Herrmann, seconded by Mr. Sonntag, the hearing was adjourned.


GORDON JOHNSTON - MAYOR

ATTEST: 
N. B. BOND - CITY CLERK