

Friday, October 7, 1955.

Council reconvened. Present 5; Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 4; Battin, taking his seat at 10 A. M., Bratrud, Jensen, taking his seat at 7:56 P. M. and Stojack, taking his seat at 7:56 P. M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

This being the date to which hearing on the Preliminary Budget was continued, the matter was taken up at this time.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the report of the Finance Committee (dated October 6th) be accepted in full with the following amendments:

Page 1. Subdivision 3- add at end of paragraph the words "and Belt Line operating personnel".

Page 4. (Specific recommendations for pay rate change) Subdivision 3, Asst. Belt Line Supt. Range 25- add Step 1- \$525 and Step 2- \$550.

Page 6. Subdivision 13- 0717- Oiler - change to "\$2.20 per hour (\$381.33)".

Page 7. Subdivision 15- add "1011- Furnace Inspector- Range 16- \$345- 360- 380- 400- 420- 440".

Motion seconded by Col. Hooker.

Mr. E. L. Cady, Pressman's Local 44, was present to ascertain what action had been taken with regards to putting photographers on an hourly basis as requested at last night's meeting. Jack Gibbs, who is employed as a photographer in the Light Department explained in detail the type of work they performed and said it was a highly technical job, requiring a great deal of experience, and that not every photographer is capable of doing it. He felt they should be given an increase in wages as he is paid only \$345.00 while carpenters and painters receive up to \$100 more per month than he does. Dr. Humiston said two men were involved, and if they were put in Range 14, which is the next range, the change would not effect these employees as they both will receive a \$15.00 a month increase by the next step this next year. Mayor Tollefson suggested that this be studied with the idea of ascertaining whether or not it should be put in Range 14 before 1957 Budget deliberations. Further discussion brought out that the reason for requesting an hourly basis was so that these men would receive overtime pay, as at present they put in a considerable amount of overtime and receive no compensation for same. Mr. Gibbs verified this condition, which was a surprise to Mr. Barline, who said there was no reason why they shouldn't be paid for overtime work. He thought it was possible that their immediate supervisor did not understand and said he would look into it and see this was corrected. Mr. Cady said if the men get overtime pay, which they earn, they have no objection to the salaries as set up.

Mr. Stojack asked about including light roller operator under 0720- Equipment Operator- allow them 12 1/2% differential for operating this equipment. Mr. Backstrom said this will not effect the budget, but he will look into it as he wants to take it up with the Director of Public Works to be sure they are not making a mistake in making the change.

Mr. Goering moved that Subdivision 5- 0205- Public Health Nurse be changed to Range 14 with bottom step deleted- to read \$330- 345- 360- 380- 400. Seconded by Col. Hooker. Dr. Humiston said he would have to vote against this motion, not because he is not sympathetic to the nurses, nor does the additional cost have any bearing on his vote, as it only means \$40.00 increase per month to the City. Their thought is to strike an average figure and he feels the figure they have recommended is correct according to the going pay rate, he said. Unless we abide by the policy, we might as well throw the whole plan out and consider each group separately. Col. Hooker said he did not think it out of line to put the Public Health Nurse in Range 14 in view of their training,

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Background, etc. Mr. Perdue expressed the opinion that if we are going to establish a policy of paying what is being paid in the community, we must stick to that premise. Roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows: Ayes 4; Goering, Hooker, Jensen, Stojack. Nays 3; Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 2; Battin, Bratrud. Motion carried.

Mr. Stojack asked if they were going to take any action to bring the 18 City laborers up to \$1.96 (page 5 of report, subdivision 9) and what this would cost the City. It would cost the city about an additional \$1500.00 he was informed. As 13 of the 18 men involved are in the Belt Line, Mr. Barline was asked for the recommendation of the Utilities Department and he said it was their recommendation to leave it where it is. Mr. Stojack moved that the salary of the laborers, who are employed by the City of Tacoma at the present time be fixed at \$1.96, leaving the starting rate at \$1.91. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen. Ayes 1; Stojack; Nays 6, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 2; Battin, Bratrud. Motion declared lost.

Roll was then called on Dr. Humiston's motion to adopt the report of the Finance Committee with amendments, resulting as follows: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Bratrud.

Mr. Backstrom read a memo on the subject of 1956 Budget adjustments for Council's consideration in meeting the increases due to Council adopting recommendations of the Finance Committee and a copy of this memo was furnished each Council member. Mr. Gaisford said that another item should be included in I-B (adjustments recommended to provide increase listed above) as follows: "6 1/2- increase in lieu of Taxes- Housing Authority from \$20,000 to \$25,000 ----- \$5,000.00."

In view of this information, Mr. Backstrom said that I under subdivision 7 on page 2- "Reduce resurfacing (on page 83 of the Budget) from \$40,000 to \$35,000" should be stricken in order to strike a correct balance and this was done.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the City Manager be authorized to make adjustments outlined in I-A and B- totaling \$208,640. Carried, Ayes 7, Nays 0; Absent 2, Battin, Bratrud.

Part II of this memo relative to other possible considerations was read item by item and acted on as indicated.

A- Increases and expenditures, or decreases in estimated revenues.

1. Provision for merit increase in Library Budget- \$21,470. Speaking on this item Mr. Jensen said he felt it was out of order to give the Library this amount for merit increases and not do the same for the Park District. He suggested that the Library cut down services to take care of its own merit increases in that manner. Col. Hooker agreed with Mr. Jensen's thinking. It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the item of \$21,470. for merit increases in Library be denied. Motion seconded by Col. Hooker and carried: Ayes 6; Nays 1; Tollefson; Absent 2, Battin, Bratrud.

2. Provision to provide two full mills to Parks- \$10,246. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue this be approved. Ayes 6; Nays 1; Goering; Absent 2, Battin, Bratrud.

3. Increase Hydrant Rental Costs from \$50,000 to \$80,000- \$30,000. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue this be approved. Carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Bratrud.

4. Increase Fire Department Uniforms \$3,000 and add Gas mask cannisters \$1,000- total \$4,000. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack that this be approved and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Bratrud.

5. Transit Company Franchise Tax reduction from 3% to 2%- \$19,000. Moved by Col. Hooker seconded by Dr. Humiston that this be approved. Carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Bratrud.

Provide for TB Program in Health Dept. \$5,000. Moved by Mrs. Goering, seconded by Mr. Perdue that this be approved and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Bratrud, Battin.

It was moved by Mayor Tollefson to increase Library Budget \$16,000. Seconded by Mr. Perdue. The Mayor said he was basing this motion on the fact that there has been an increase in the valuation of the mill. Roll call: Ayes 1; Tollefson. Nays 6; Absent 2, Battin, Bratrud.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue to reconsider Item 6 and carried. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Bratrud. It was pointed out by Mr. Backstrom that it was possible to obtain this amount to cover the T. B. Program from another source. It was then moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mrs. Goering to delete 6- Provide for T. B. Program in Health Department- \$5,000 - and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Battin, Bratrud.

Mr. Backstrom asked the Mayor to call a short recess while he held a consultation with his staff in order to make recommendations for adjustments to provide funds to take care of the additional expenditures authorized by the Council under II-A as listed above. Accordingly Council recessed at 10 P. M.

Council reconvened at 10:20 P. M. and Dr. Battin took his seat at this time.

It was moved by Mrs. Goering to reconsider Item 1 under A-II Provision for merit increase in Library Budget, which had been denied under a previous motion. Motion carried: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Mrs. Goering said she understood that in the neighborhood of \$6,000 would provide for regular merit step increases for present Library employes, although it would not permit them to put into effect a contemplated new pay plan, and she felt that this group should be allowed the same merit increases as other City employees. She was informed that the exact amount to cover this item was \$6,587. It was moved by Mrs. Goering that \$6,587 be provided for merit increase in the Library Budget. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Mr. Backstrom advised the Council that the total increases under A, including the \$6,587 for the Library amounted to \$69,833, and in order to provide this amount he would suggest that the proposed construction Schedule (page 83 of the Budget) be reduced by the elimination of the South 19th Street project in amount of \$50,000 as they have been advised that sufficient funds will be left over from the Bond Money to take care of financing this improvement. He also suggested that under I-B #7, street widening- \$19,833 be eliminated. These two items total the required amount, Mr. Backstrom said. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue that the above recommendations for balancing the budget be accepted and carried unanimously on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack, that III of Mr. Backstrom's memo- entitled "Sewer and Garbage Fund Considerations A. Salaries and Wages- Any salary and wage increase in either the Garbage or Sewer Fund operations to be taken from allowances for Capital Outlay" be approved. Motion carried: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Perdue, that "IV be added to this memo- to read as follows: That the revolving Fund Operation be revised to include salary increases". Carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bratrud.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to eliminate an item of salary savings in the Street Maintenance Account of Public Works Department on Page 4 of the Preliminary Budget in amount of \$11,000, and to increase account 7061-12 (Billable accounts) from \$30,000 to \$41,000. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1, Bratrud.

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It was moved by Dr. Humiston that the Council adopt the final budget of the Light Division, based on the recapitulation sheet submitted by the Director of Public Utilities. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen to adopt the revised Budget submitted by the Water Division and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Jensen to adopt the revised Budget submitted by the Belt Line Division and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

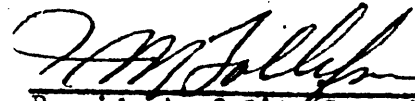
It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to increase year end surpluses in the Sewer Fund by \$50,000 and to increase expenditure appropriation in the Sewer Department by \$50,000 to provide for a survey of the sewer system, Carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to place balance of funds not needed for General Fund Salary Increases in Cumulative Reserve Fund-Capital Outlay. Carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.


It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to adopt the Budget of the City of Tacoma for 1956, as revised. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Bratrud.

Mayor Tollefson said he wished at this time to commend Dr. Humiston and his Finance Committee for the fine work they had done on the budget and he thanked the Committee, composed of Dr. Humiston, Chairman, Mrs. Goering and Dr. Battin for the many hours they had devoted to this task.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 10:45. P. M/



President of City Council.

Attest: 

City Clerk.