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Mr. J. Frai, presented a petition with 296 signatures requesting the City Council to repeal Ordinance No. 15600, taxing and regulating pin-ball machines in the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Anderson suggested that the City Clerk note the number of signatures and report back to Council. The petition was then placed on file.

There being no further business or comments from the audience, the meeting then recessed to 4:00 P. M. Tuesday, October 7th.

Homer Humiston
Vice Mayor

Attest:

Josephine Neeter
City Clerk

Council Chambers, 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, October 7, 1958

Council reconvened. Present on roll call 8; Anderson, Bratrud, Easterday, Goering, Humiston, Perdue, Porter and Price. Absent 1. Mayor Hanson. In the absence of Mayor Hanson, Dr. Humiston, Vice Mayor presided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Humiston, Vice Mayor welcomed the group present and explained that this was the second hearing on the proposed budget for 1959. This meeting is held for the purpose of outlining the procedure of adopting the annual budget.

He said that members of the audience would be given an opportunity to ask any questions for clarification.

Dr. Humiston, then called on City Manager, Mr. Rowlands, to explain the procedure of setting up the budget.

Mr. Rowlands outlined the City's estimated expenditures and total revenues for 1959. He explained that the total General Government revenues are expected to up 2.1% over 1958 to a total of \$8,422,336. The City's share of property taxes is expected to increase 3.4%. Revenues from licenses and fees 4.1%, fines and forfeitures 14.8% and parking meters 41%. He said stepped up enforcements on moving violations is expected to produce an additional fine and forfeiture income, and if the Council approves the plan to install penny-nickel-dime meters throughout the City, the parking meter revenues will increase.

He pointed out a number of the City's main projects for 1959.

Continuation of the bond issue construction program

Inauguration of a big revenue bond sanitary sewer construction program.

Construction of a municipal airport if approved by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Continuation of the urban renewal planning.

Downtown revitalization - one-way streets and cooperation with developers of big private parking garages for escalators.

Moving into the County - City Building

Demolition of the City Hall and Annex,

A strong legislative program for financial relief.

A continuing review of the City's capital improvement needs.

Dr. Humiston, Vice Mayor, then called on Mr. Brown, who was representing the Park Board members, to speak on their budget.

Mr. Brown said they had appeared before Council previously and returned to ascertain whether or not their requests had been approved. Mr. Brown had asked that they be given enough to grant their employees a \$30.00 a month raise. By doing this, he said it would bring them up to the bottom step of any employee in the same classification working for the City. This 3 mills would not be sufficient for any raise, he added.

Dr. Humiston said the detail of the Park Budget, as to the number of employees they have or what their wages are, is up to the Park Board and not the City Council. The only thing the Council can do is to make an appropriation of a certain amount of money to the Park Board and let them use it as they see fit. The Park Board had as their sole source of revenue 3 mills out of the property tax, two of those were taken away from them several years ago, and at that time the Council began appropriating money to the Parks, the equivalent of that 2 mills. What the Park Board is asking for now is that the Council appropriate to the Parks approximately 2½ mills or another \$86,000. Dr. Humiston asked the Manager if they were to increase the Park Budget by \$86,000, where would the City obtain this amount.

Mr. Rowlands said it would have to come from reductions in departmental budgets.

Mr. Perdue said the City has always felt that they should pay their employees the going rate in the community, and they have tried to abide by that. That is why some advancements have been made each year to regulate it to that point. If the City decided on all the things that it would like to do, it would obviously come up with less than the going wage for its employees. The Park Board evidently operates on a different plan. It starts out, laying out its general plan and seems to wind up with a shortage which makes it impossible to pay proper wages for their employees. He said he did not think this the proper approach to the problem.

Mrs. Goering said it is the policy of the Council to set wages first; then what is left will have to fit in with the rest of the program. It isn't what we like but what we should do, and we feel that other bodies should take the same approach.

Mr. Brown said the last raise the employees received was two years ago and they would like to give them a raise to bring them up to the lower

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level of City employees.

Mr. Bratrud said he knew if the City had to take over the parks, they would not be able to operate on the money that the Parks are asking the Council for. Mr. Bratrud asked Mr. Brown if it would take \$86,000 to give the employees a \$30.00 a month raise. Mr. Brown advised that it would take \$35,000 to cover the salary raises.

After some discussion Dr. Humiston suggested that Mr. Gaisford and Mr. Glundberg, bookkeeper for the Park Board, get together between now and Thursday afternoon to see if it would be possible to allow the Park Board the equivalent of \$35,000.

Mr. D. H. Ketter, Secretary to the Municipal Civil League told Council that the Unions dealing with the City are not at all satisfied with the salaries proposed for in the 1959 budget. He said he felt additional 1958 revenues are adequate to cover across the board salary increases for City employees.

Mr. Anderson asked how much it would cost to give clerical employees one-half of a step raise.

Mr. Rowlands said that it would cost approximately \$23,000 including the Utilities employees.

Mr. Anderson said in view of the cost of living going up as it has, this past year, he felt one-half a step would not be much of a raise.

Several representatives of the employees who were scheduled to receive no increase, such as clerical and custodial workers said that the cost of living alone warranted a one-step increase.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Porter both indicated that the City should try to find the money for a general increase.

Dr. Humiston explained that the council has set up an equitable policy to attempt to pay the employees the going wage, but cannot see how, when they are spending other peoples money, they can deviate from that policy.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the hearing on the Budget be continued to 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 8, 1958.

Council then recessed at 6:25 P.M. to convene again at 4:00 P.M. October 8, 1958.

Harold Humiston
Vice Mayor

Attest:

Josephine Weston
City Clerk