

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

Wednesday, October 9, 1963
City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.

Present on roll call 6: Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Price and Steele. Absent 3: Bott, Murtland and Mayor Tollefson. Mr. Murtland arrived at 8:30 P. M.

Dr. Herrmann, Deputy Mayor presided.

Dr. Herrmann stated that Mayor Tollefson was ill and had asked to be excused.

Dr. Herrmann explained that the first item on the agenda tonight will be the discussion on the Library Board budget. ¹²
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Mr. Rowlands said the Library Board has requested approximately \$57,000 over the 1963 grant. However, the increase to provide for adjustment in salaries and wages amounts to approximately \$24,000 including the fringe benefits.

Mrs. Price asked if an increase for all of the Library employees was included in the budget.

Mr. Rowlands said all of the employees were included that are under the jurisdiction of the Library Board.

Mr. Rowlands added, the Park Board also has asked that their employees be given consideration for an increase. They feel that an additional \$13,000 would enable them to take care of their needs for the coming year as far as wage adjustments are concerned.

Mr. Cvitanich thought that the Park employees' salaries should be equal to those of the General Government.

Mr. Rowlands stated the Park employees did get a raise this year so they are moving in the right direction.

Mr. Finnigan asked if the Park Board anticipates going out for millage.

Mr. Rowlands said they did not indicate that they would.

Mr. Rowlands said the Humane Society Budget will be discussed at this time.

Mr. Fidler, Director of the Humane Society said their preliminary budget has been submitted, which indicates the Society would need an additional \$13,598 which takes into consideration the \$5500 that the City previously budgeted for this year for the Humane Society. He added, the Union has made demands for the employees totaling \$15,238, altogether it would make \$28,836.00.

Mr. Rowlands explained the Humane Society expenses amount to \$109,503. The revenue amounts to \$95,905 which results in a \$13,598 deficit.

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The Park Board & Library employees will receive a one-step increase, and if the Council follows the same policy to give the Humane Society a one-step increase, it will amount to approximately \$2800 which would total \$16,398.

Mr. Rowlands added by deducting \$5500 previously budgeted to the Humane Society, it leaves a balance of \$10,898. He further suggested that \$3300 worth of Capital Outlay expenditures be deducted leaving a \$7,590 deficit.

Mr. Steele remarked inasmuch as additional revenue is required, he asked if it would be possible to license cats.

Mr. Fidler explained that Seattle has had a cat license ordinance for years but he thought that this would be an area in which it would be hard to enforce, although he said he would personally be in favor of licensing cats rather than increasing the dog licenses.

In answer to a question proposed by Mr. Cvitanich, that the County be asked to contribute more to the Humane Society, Mr. Fidler said they already pay \$975.00 a month just to house their dogs.

Dr. Herrmann suggested, since the Council has not had an opportunity to review these requests, copies be made and distributed to the Council members for consideration tomorrow night.

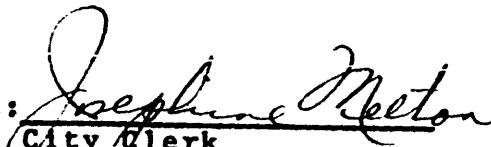
Mr. Rowlands said they have scheduled hearings with the various unions for tomorrow night.

No one else wishing to be heard, the meeting was recessed at 8:20 P. M.



Mayor of the City Council

Attest:



City Clerk