

**CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING**

**Wednesday, October 3, 1962  
City Council Chambers, 7:00 P. M.**

**Present on roll call 8: Bott, Cvitanich, Finnigan, Haley, Herrmann, Price, Steele and Mayor Tollefson. Absent 1, Murtland. Mr. Murtland arriving at 8:05 P. M.**

**Mayor Tollefson announced that this is the third meeting to be held on the budget for 1963.**

**At last evening's Council budget hearing the City Council heard from various representatives of the Unions.**

**Mayor Tollefson asked if there was anyone present in the audience who wished to speak tonight.**

**Mr. Newhouse, President of the Joint Labor Committee, a group of some 18 unions, asked if there were any funds available for salary increases this year.**

**Mayor Tollefson said the Council recognizes there are some areas wherein some adjustments might be justified, but the small amount available would be so inappropriate that it would almost be an affront to the employee. Therefore, he added, it would be better not to make any adjustment, but to look forward to next year when they hope to be in a better financial position to again make adjustments in salaries.**

**Mr. D. H. Ketler, Secretary of the Joint Labor Committee and of the Municipal Civil Service League, said they were concerned that the General Fund did not have funds available for an increase for their employees, however, he thought the Utilities Dept. employees should not be held back as they have funds for pay increases. He urged the Council to consider an increase for the employees of the Utilities Dept. that are normally given at this time of year.**

**Mayor Tollefson remarked, if raises were given the Utilities employees, this would discriminate among many employees doing virtually the same work for the City. Mayor Tollefson asked Mr. Ketler if City employees really favored such an approach.**

**Mr. Ketler said he would not have made the appeal if they didn't.**

**Mr. Erdahl, Director of Utilities said he would be happy to submit some recommendations on specific utilities' positions which merit increases.**

**John Willis, representing the Firefighters Local made a final request for shorter hours for Firemen and suggested that Cities organize their forces to send to Olympia if they hope to get any money from the Legislature.**

**Mr. Newhouse said he would help to enlist labor to go to Olympia to ask for financial aid for the Cities during the next Legislature.**

**Mayor Tollefson submitted a letter from the Washington Society of Professional Engineers and another from the Tacoma City Planning Commission requesting that their salaries be brought up to a level comparable to other salaries in their field. These communications were placed on file.**

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Mr. Rowlands pointed out, since the preliminary budget was submitted there have been some drastic changes made in the Budget, one was concerning the Parks which necessitated some adjustments which had been discussed with the Council.

He continued, several items will have to be carried over until next year as certain revenues were not received to take care of them. The largest item will be the Police widows pension; if the State Supreme Court agrees with the King County Superior Court, that the City must pay the pensions, consequently, the City would have to find \$135,000 to pay these pensions next year. It is hoped that the Gas tax exemption on the Transit System will be extended. In the event it is not, it will cost the General Fund approximately \$26,000; however, this will be up to the Legislature. The General Fund still owes the City Light Dept. \$49,000 for street lighting which has not be provided for in the budget. The City will end up with a deficit now estimated at \$118,772, Mr. Rowlands added.

Mayor Tollefson informed Mr. Erdahl that the Council felt that the Utilities budget should reflect the exact number of employees, employed for the year 1963, and the salary for extra employees that was submitted in the budget be placed in another fund.

Mr. Erdahl said this amount could be transferred from the Salary & Wages classification to Contingencies, Emergencies, Reserve Account & Capital Outlay Account. He stated, he wanted to know the feeling of the Council on the matter of reviewing the salaries of those individuals in the Utilities Dept. where it is felt that an increase is justified.

Mayor Tollefson said he did not know what the feeling of the Council would be in that respect, however, he felt City employees doing the same type of work should be treated equally. He stated he did not know what the result would be on April 1st when negotiations will be held with the Unions regarding raise increases.

Mr. Rowlands, City Manager, presented a 5 page "proposed changes in the 1963 Preliminary Budget marked 'Exhibit #1'" to be adopted and filed with the budget hearing minutes.

Mr. Steele moved that an Ordinance be prepared adopting the Preliminary Budget for 1963 as amended by Exhibit #1, dated October 1, 1962 which will be attached to the minutes and by reference made a part hereof, in the total amount of \$40,781,350. Said motion was further amended and amplified to provide that the budget of the Public Utilities Dept. be rearranged to transfer funds as the Utilities Dept. deems advisable from the Salary and Wage classification to Contingencies, Emergencies, Reserve Account and Capital Outlay. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Roll call was taken as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich. Motion carried.

Mr. Steele also moved that an Ordinance be brought in for next week's meeting fixing the tax levies for the City of Tacoma. Seconded by Mrs. Price.

Roll call was taken as follows: Ayes 8; Nays 1, Cvitanich. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion duly seconded and passed the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

*Wm Jolley*  
Mayor of the City Council

Attest: *Josephine Melton*  
City Clerk

October 1, 1962

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN 1963 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

**I. GENERAL FUND**

**1. Revenues**

Pg. 21 - Increase Gen. Property Tax		\$31,977
Pg. 24 - Decrease Royalties (Bleachers)		(1,400)
Pg. 25 - Decrease Reimbursement from County		(31,602)
Pg. 25 - Add Fed. Reimb. Civil Defense		15,913
Pg. 26 - Reduce Trans. to City Street Fund		46,809
Pg. 26 - Reduce Transfer to Library Fund		41,754
Pg. 26 - Add Trans. to Reserve for Capital Outlay		(10,000)
Pg. 26 - Add Trans. Equip. Rental "B"		<u>(21,176)</u>
<b>Net Change General Fund</b>		<b><u>\$72,275</u></b>

**2. Expenditures**

<b>Reduce</b>		
<b>City Clerk - Pg. 37-38</b>		<b>\$ 4,833</b>
1 Clerk Typist I	\$4,300	
Employee Benefits	<u>533</u>	
<b>Police Court - Pg. 41-43</b>		<b>1,729</b>
.5 Clerk Typist I	1,529	
Employee Benefits	<u>206</u>	
<b>Planning - Pg. 48-50</b>		<b>7,364</b>
.5 Engineering Aide II	2,238	
Planning Technician	259	
Asst. Planner	926	
Assoc. Planner	3,331	
Employee Benefits	<u>610</u>	
<b>Personnel - Pg. 51-53</b>		<b>1,793</b>
.33 Clerk Typist II	1,600	
Employee Benefits	<u>193</u>	
<b>Urban Renewal - Pg. 55-56</b>		<b>9,406</b>
1 Assoc. Planner	8,598	
Employee Benefits	<u>808</u>	

Expenditures (Contd)

<b>Finance - Pg. 58-77</b>		<b>\$23,025</b>
Machine Accounting Pg. 64-65		
Increase Employee Benefits	\$ (46)	
Tax & Licenses Pg. 66-67		
Decrease Outlay	146	
Purchasing Pg. 68-69		
1 Buyer	7,201	
Employee Benefits	724	
Parking Meters Pg. 74-75		
Capital Outlay	<u>15,000</u>	
<b>Police Dept. Pg. 79-101</b>		<b>38,938</b>
Administration Pg. 81-82		
Holiday Pay	450	
Patrol Pg. 83-84		
Holiday Pay	5,000	
Overtime	5,000	
Traffic Pg. 85-86		
Holiday Pay	300	
Overtime	6,300	
Detective Pg. 87-88		
Holiday Pay	400	
Overtime	7,921	
Travel & Subsistence	335	
Women's Division Pg. 89-90		
1 Policewoman	6,301	
Holiday Pay	200	
Youth Guidance Pg. 91-92		
Holiday Pay	140	
Overtime	500	
Travel & Subsistence	400	
Identification & Records Pg. 93-94		
Holiday Pay	700	
Training Pg. 95-96		
1 Lieut. (to Civil Defense)	7,921	
Travel & Subsistence	1,335	
General Services Pg. 97-98		
Add Vacation & Sick Leave	(975)	
Radio Pg. 100-101		
Holiday Pay	450	
Add Radio Tower	(5,600)	
Decrease 10 Decoders	1,100	
Base Station	<u>760</u>	

Expenditures (Contd)

<b>Fire - Pg. 103-122</b>		<b>\$34,178</b>
<b>Administration Pg. 105-106</b>		
Travel Expense	\$ 75	
1 - 4 Door Passenger Car	2,200	
<b>Fire Prevention Pg. 107-108</b>		
1 - Fire Inspector	6,301	
Travel	400	
2 - Automobiles	3,375	
<b>Firefighting Pg. 109-111</b>		
Vacation, Sick & Holidays	5,000	
Capital Outlay	2,263	
<b>Fire Alarm Pg. 112-113</b>		
1 - Fire Elect. Helper	6,118	
Travel	75	
<b>Fire Training Pg. 119-120</b>		
1 - Fire Captain (to Civil Defense)	7,921	
Travel	<u>450</u>	
<b>Civil Defense - Pg. 122</b>		<b>(15,642)</b>
Add		
1 - Fire Captain	(7,921)	
1 - Police Lieut.	(7,921)	
Reduce - Travel	<u>200</u>	
<b>Public Works - Pg. 149-176</b>		
<b>Buildings Pg. 171-173</b>		<b>1,232</b>
Roofing Pump	<u>1,232</u>	
<b>Non-Departmental Pg. 291-292</b>		<b>(179,131)</b>
Decrease		
City Wide Report	5,000	
Baseball Park Bleachers	1,400	
Increase		
Metropolitan Park Board	(170,531)	
Add		
Parking Meters	<u>(15,000)</u>	
Transit Subsidy	15,680	
Repayment of Loans Pg 295	(15,680)	
<b>Net Change General Fund</b>		<b>(72,275)</b>

**II. CITY STREET FUND**

Revenues - Page 27

1. Decrease transfer from General Fund \$46,809

Expenditures

Decrease Capital Outlay - Pg. 184 \$44,809

Decrease Maint. & Operation  
Pg. 188 - Equipment Rental 750

Pg. 188 - Material & Supplies 1,000

Pg. 194 - Travel & Subsistence 250

\$46,809

**III. LIBRARY FUND**

Revenues - Pg. 27

Decrease transfer from General Fund \$41,754

Decrease Contract Services (Fircrest) 1,200

\$42,954

Expenditures

Decrease Salaries & Wages )  
Decrease Maint. & Operation ) \$42,954

Decrease Capital Outlay )

                    

**IV. FIREMEN'S RELIEF & PENSION FUND**

Revenues - Page 27

Increase Gen. Property Tax \$ 53

Expenditures - Pg. 289

Increase Expenditures \$ 53

**V. GENERAL BOND REDEMPTION**

Revenues - Pg. 28

Decrease Gen. Property Taxes \$31,602

Add Revenue from County (31,602)

                    

**VI. BASEBALL PARK REV. FUND**

Revenues - Page 29

Decrease County-City Reimb. \$ 2,800

Expenditures - Pg. 296

Decrease Expenditures 2,800

**VII. EQUIPMENT RENTAL "B"**

Revenues - Page 28	
Add	
Expenditures - Pg. 222	\$21,176
Add	
	<u>21,176</u>

**VIII. GENERAL CUMULATIVE RESERVE**

Revenues - Pg. 28	
Add	
Expenditures - Pg. 296	\$10,000
Add	
	<u>10,000</u>

**IX. TOTAL CITY OF TACOMA - Pg. 30**

Revenues	
Increase to	
Expenditures - Pg. 32	\$40,781,350
Increase to	
	<u>\$40,781,350</u>