

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 8:15 P.M.

Wednesday, April 25, 1956.

Council reconvened. Present 6; Bratrud, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Stojack, Tollefson. Absent 3; Battin, Goering (taking her seat at 8:21 P. M) and Hooker (taking his seat at 8:20 P. M.)

Mayor Tollefson announced that the meeting tonight was being held for the purpose of hearing from the County Commissioners on the latest plan for a County-City Building.

In order to bring the proposition before the Council, it was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 7 (pertaining to the filing of new matter for Council's consideration) in order to give consideration to Resolution No. 14614. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

Resolution No. 14614.

By BRATRUD:

Ratifying and approving the construction by Pierce County of a completed structure known as the County-City Building, together with all facilities in connection therewith; being generally the main tower, consisting of eight stories in height, and the court wing, and which shall be built within the funds available in the "Court House Construction Fund"; instructing the proper departments and officers of the City to negotiate and prepare all amendments and modifications necessary to carry into full force and effect the construction and occupancy of said County-City Building; and urging Pierce County to immediately take all steps necessary in order to begin the construction of said County-City Building and project at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Bratrud stated that he had asked the County Commissioners to be present tonight to answer any questions Council members might wish to ask. The Mayor called on County Commissioner Harry Sprinker to explain the latest proposal for the County-City Building project. Mr. Sprinker briefly outlined the proposal, saying that they plan to build a central tower of eight floors and the court wing, eliminating the basement under this wing and the law enforcement wing. They are not asking for any funds from the City to carry out the plans, Mr. Sprinker said. This plan will provide the same amount of space for City offices and they have reliable information they can build it with the money in the fund. The law enforcement wing can be added later when funds are available, he added.

Dr. Humiston suggested as an alternate plan that the City advance its share now rather than paying for it over the 20 year period, and said if these funds amounting to \$350,000 in the City Hall Building Fund and \$400,000 to be raised by "inside bonding" were made available, the County might be able to build the law enforcement wing for the County Sheriff.

The idea was discussed and Mr. Jensen said this had been considered by the Committee previously, but he is opposed to it as he feared the Council might be open to a taxpayer's suit, since it was the intent of the voters to build the structure with money from the bond issue. He felt the plan proposed by the County Commissioners is the only one, he added. Mr. Bratrud said he also felt this was the most practical and feasible plan at this time. Col. Hooker favored approving the plan submitted by the County so they can proceed with the construction.

Mr. Garlington, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, said the proposition made by Dr. Humiston would entail redesigning and could cause delay. However, if the City will commit itself on this proposition, the County can redesign the building and call for bids for the jail. Dr. Humiston said he was willing to pass the res-

olution tonight if his alternate possibility will be explored.

In reply to a question from Mr. Jensen about how the architect's fees are to be figured, Mr. Sprinker said they would be based on 6% of the construction cost of the building that is going to be built. They are going to renegotiate with Mr. Lumm, if the Council passes this resolution and among other things are going to stipulate that they be allowed to retain the plans already drawn, Mr. Garlington advised.

Mrs. Goering asked what was going to happen to the money in the City Building Fund if Council passed this resolution, and Mayor Tollefson advised her that it would remain in the fund but could be used to meet the City's repayments of its share.

Roll was then called on adoption of Resolution No. 14614, resulting as follows:

Adopted on roll call April 25, 1956.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Battin.

Mr. Sprinker thanked the Council for the consideration and cooperation given them tonight. Mayor Tollefson replied that the Council realizes the Commissioners have had a difficult problem to solve, and the vote tonight indicates how the Council feels.

Mayor Tollefson pointed out that Tacoma is entitled to two voting delegates at the Association of Washington Cities Convention in Yakima May 10th and 11th, and asked the Council to name these delegates so they could be certified to the Association. Mr. Jensen nominated Frank Stojack and Mr. Perdue nominated Mrs. Goering. Council unanimously approved these nominations.

Mayor Tollefson read a letter from John A. Anderson, Councilman-elect, thanking Council for inviting him to sit in on the deliberations on the qualifications of a City Manager, and stating he felt there would be no point in listening in on the meetings without a vote. Mr. Jensen said Mr. Anderson was not advised of the time when the meetings would be held and he felt this was the reason for his reply. Mayor Tollefson suggested inviting Mr. Anderson whenever the Council interviews a candidate. The matter was discussed and Mr. Bratrud suggested that the Clerk advise Mr. Anderson when the Council has these meetings and leave it to his discretion to attend. 354

Mayor Tollefson asked the Council members to meet in the Manager's Office at the close of this meeting to discuss the City Manager applications.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council adjourned at 8:55 P. M.

Attest: Japhine Meeton
City Clerk

W. M. Tollefson
President of City Council.