MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

City Council Chambers November 21, 1978

Mayor Parker reconvened the hearing on the 1979 Budget at 6:55 p.m.

Council members present on roll call: 8 - Bichsel, Evans, Hudson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker. Absent: 1 - Kirby. Councilman Kirby arrived at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Erling Mork explained that this is the second evening of public hearings on the City's 1979 proposed budget. This evening hearings will be held on the General Government Departments and the Health Department. He advised the Council that the proposed budget is a balanced budget totalling \$183,797,075.

Paula O'Conner, Acting Assistant to the City Manager, explained the sequence of the budget presentation and introduced Pete Luttropp, Assistant Finance Director who would be speaking for the Finance Director.

General Government

Pete Luttropp presented a brief over view of the budgets of General Government Departments and various other funds. He also reviewed the revenues of 1978 and anticipated revenues for 1979.

Darrell Matz, Assistant Tax & License Director and the City's Budget Officer, reviewed the proposed budgets for all major funds.

After presentation of the budget, staff members answered questions of Council members.

Mayor Parker commented that he would recommend that the periodic management audits of the City departments be conducted by the State Auditor instead of the accounting firm of Knight, Vale & Gregory. Mayor Parker moved that the City of Tacoma send a written Notice of Termination of an existing agreement by and between the City and Knight, Vale & Gregory; said termination to be effective on and after the 31st day of December 1978, all pursuant to the provisions of said agreement relating to the termination thereof. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Warnick. Roll call vote was taken resulting in Ayes: 5 - Evans, Kirby, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker. Nays: 4 - Bichsel, Hudson, Nielsen and Schroeder. Motion carried.

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department

Dr. Walter Herron, Director of the Health Department, reviewed the many health programs, their funding, their budgets and answered questions of Council members.

Mayor Parker commented that the Metropolitan Park Board last evening was to bring further information to Council at this time. Mr. John O'Leary, Park Board member, distributed to Council members information on City funding participation on their various programs and answered questions.

Mayor Parker asked for comments from the public on any phase of the 1979 budget. No one from the public spoke.

At 10:00 p.m. the Public Hearing on the City's 1979 Budget was closed.

MIKE PARKER - MAYOR

ATTEST:

H B. BOND - CITY CLERK