

Minutes of the City Council Budget Hearing

City Council Chambers
November 16, 1977

Councilman Dick Sonntag reconvened the hearing on the 1978 budget at 7:05 p.m.

Council members present on roll call: 6 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag and Strege. Absent: 3 - Hudson, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Mr. Hudson arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Councilman Sonntag noted that both Mayor Johnston and Deputy Mayor Warnick were absent and called for nominations for a presiding officer for the meeting.

Mr. Nielsen moved that Dick Sonntag be elected as Presiding Officer for the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote taken and carried.

Mr. Nielsen moved to suspend Rule 15 of the Council Rules of Procedure for the balance of the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Roll call vote resulted in Ayes: 4 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen and Sonntag. Nays: 2 - Schroeder and Strege. Absent: 3 - Hudson, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. The motion carried.

Mr. Nielsen moved to excuse Mayor Johnston, Deputy Mayor Warnick and Council member Hudson from the meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Bichsel. Voice vote taken and carried.

Assistant City Manager Severo Esquivel explained that this is the second evening of public hearings on the City's 1978 proposed budget. This evening hearings will be held on the Departments of General Government and on revenue sharing funds. He advised that the preliminary budget has been available to the public for the past month in the City Clerk's Office and the Public Library. He also advised that the budget is for \$163,676,223.

Earl Mittelstaedt, Finance Director, briefly reviewed the budget and answered questions of Council members.

Richard Newman, Tax & License Director, reviewed the anticipated revenues and the areas of possible losses in revenues.

After presentation of the budget, Department Heads and staff members answered questions of Council members regarding their budgets.

Mr. Sonntag asked the City Manager to prepare an amendment to the budget ordinance to provide for an additional 15 Police Patrol Officer positions for the last nine months of 1978.

Citizen speaking: Doug Southerland, 121 North "G".

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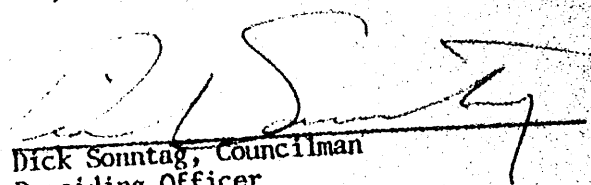
Ron Skaggs, Assistant to the City Manager, advised Council that under Federal guidelines proposed use of General Revenue Sharing funds are to be heard at this time.

Citizens speaking who asked that certain programs be funded:

- Sharon Hansen, 714 No. Stadium, Recreation and Leisure Time.
- Peter Valovkis, representing Tacoma Area Task Force for the Handicapped.
- Dick Wilson, President of Peoples First.
- Glenn Galbraith, representing Tacoma Area Task Force for the Handicapped.
- Frances S. Purdy, Counselor at Y.W.C.A. - Women's Support Shelter.
- Brian Leavett, Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
- Harold Moss, representing Urban League Offender Assistance Program.
- Larry Benevito, Youth Activities Coalition.
- Roxy Hall, Youth Activities Coalition.
- Ms. Mike Covington, 1611 S. Adams, Youth Activities Coalition.
- Mrs. Minor, Youth Activities Coalition.
- Carolyn Glenn, 2817 Grandview Drive W., "J" Street Home."
- Kenneth R. Chany, 4217 No. Vassault, operator of two homes for the mentally retarded.
- Carol Dayton, 2520 No. 25th, Day Care Health Center.

Citizens in the audience were given another opportunity to speak on any phase of the budget. No other citizens spoke.

At 9:30 p.m., Presiding Officer Councilman Sonntag recessed the budget hearing until Thursday evening, November 17, 1977 at 7:00 p.m.


 Dick Sonntag, Councilman
 Presiding Officer

ATTEST: 
 H. B. Bond, City Clerk