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MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

Public Utilities Building  
November 14, 1977

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Council members present on roll call: 8 - Bichsel, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Sonntag, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Johnston. Absent: 1 - Hudson.

Mayor Johnston moved to excuse Mr. Hudson from the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Public Utility Board Chairman, Ted Cross, advised Council of the Board's review of the proposed budget. Other Public Utility Board members present at the hearing were: Delores Sevedberg, Richard Dolack, Ralph Smathers and Dr. David Dye.

Mayor Johnston called upon Aldo Benedetti, Director of the Department of Public Utilities, who advised that the proposed budget for 1978 was prepared with anticipation of adjusting the water and electrical rates in 1978. The Department has started reviewing electrical rates and will be hiring a consultant in this respect. A report will be prepared and presented to Council. He also advised that the State Examiner has approved the approach taken in preparing the budget.

Jack Kannan, Superintendent of the Belt Line, reviewed the 1978 estimated revenues and expenses and answered questions of Council members.

Citizen speaking: Doug Sutherland, 121 No. "G" Street, Tacoma.

John Roller, Superintendent of the Water Division, reviewed the service areas, sources of water, development plans, 1978 estimated revenues and expenses. Total proposed budget is \$7,729,780.00, an increase of \$1,159,387.00 over the 1977 budget.

Joe Cockrell, Superintendent of the Light Division, reviewed the service area, anticipated revenues and anticipated costs of power 1978 through 1981. The proposed 1978 budget is \$5,187,466.00 more than the 1977 budget.

Citizens speaking: Cheryl Phillips, 5201 Harborview, Tacoma.  
Doug Sutherland, 121 No. "G" Street, Tacoma.

No other citizens appeared to speak at the hearing.

At 9:55 P.M. Mayor Johnston recessed the budget hearing until Wednesday evening, November 16, 1977 at 7:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
H. B. BOND - CITY CLERK

  
GORDON N. JOHNSTON - MAYOR