

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

City Council Chambers  
November 17, 1977

Deputy Mayor Warnick reconvened the hearing on the City's proposed 1978 Budget at 7:10 p.m.

Council members present on roll call were: 6 - Hudson, Nelson, Nielsen, Schroeder, Strege and Deputy Mayor Warnick. Absent: 3 - Bichsel, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Mr. Strege moved to excuse Bichsel, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Deputy Mayor Warnick explained that this is the third day of public hearings on the City's 1978 proposed budget. The departments and agencies presenting their budgets for review this day are Metropolitan Park Board, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Tacoma Public Library and Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society. He advised that at the conclusion of review of the above departments citizens would be invited to speak on any phase of the budget they wished.

Metropolitan Park Board

Lillian Edwardsen, President, Metropolitan Park Board, reviewed the status of their Park Operations and the effect the failed bond issue will have. She reviewed the budget and the projects they wished to accomplish.

Bill Innes, Staff member of the Park Department, answered questions of Council members regarding certain aspects of the budget.

Park Board member John O'Leary also asked for additional funds because of the bond failure. He advised that an L.I.D. would be coming to Council for oil matting and permanent street paving at So. Adams and 58th Street in which the Park Department has been asked to participate and for which they have no funds. He asked that City funds be provided to assist in the Parks assessment fee in the L.I.D.

- Citizens speaking: Ruth Kors, representing Frank Hagel of the Parks Coalition, asked for a Parks Comprehensive Plan.
- Bill Hine, representing the Chamber of Commerce, asked for a Comprehensive Plan.
- Nancy Pierson, League of Women Voters - Comprehensive Plan

Jack Creighton, Director of the Planning Department advised that \$10,000 has been allocated for Park planning purposes and \$15,000 CETA funds, plus a staff person and inhouse drafting assistance. He also advised that the Planning Commission has scheduled to study the Comprehensive Plan in 1979.

Also speaking was Ned Krilich, Park Board member elect.

Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department

Dr. Walter Herron, Administrator of the Health Department, reviewed the health programs, their funding, the budget in general and answered questions of Council members.

Also answering questions of Council Members regarding the budget and programs were Health Department staff members Walter Huber and Dave Fiorino.

Tacoma Public Library

Alex Sergienko, President, Library Board of Trustees, addressed the Council and said that Kevin Hegarty would take the Council through the budget and programs.

Kevin Hegarty, Director of the Tacoma Public Library reviewed the many newly initiated programs, ongoing programs, the grants received and the proposed budget. He advised that the 1978 proposed budget is for \$1,913,945.

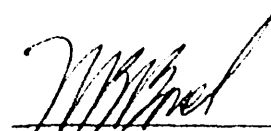
Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society

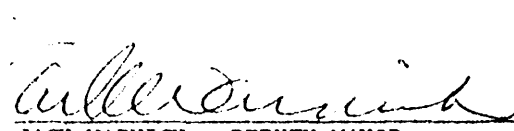
Jack Reidinger, Member Board of Directors, advised they are withdrawing their supplemental budget request for an additional position. He reviewed the proposed budget in the amount of \$198,947.00 and asked for approval plus any salary increases which might be granted.

Archie Fidler, Executive Director, reviewed the operations of the Humane Society, the proposed budget, and advised that the operational costs are borne 50/50 by County and City. One of the questions asked was regarding the swing shift Patrol. Mr. Fidler said their swing shift Patrol has been until 1:00 a.m. each night as requested by Council last year, however, he said it would be more practical to have the swing shift until only 10:00 p.m during the winter months and 1:00 a.m. during the summer. Mr. Hudson moved that this change be made. Seconed by Mr. Strege. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Deputy Mayor Warnick asked for comments from the public on any phase of the 1978 budget. No one from the public spoke.

At 9:25 p.m. Deputy Mayor Warnick declared the public hearing on the City's 1978 Budget closed.

ATTEST:   
H. B. BOND-CITY CLERK

  
JACK WARNICK - DEPUTY MAYOR