

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING

City Council Chambers
November 21, 1979

Mayor Parker reconvened the hearing on the 1980 Budget at 5:06 p.m.

Present on roll call: 5 - Bichsel, Hudson, Strege, Warnick and Mayor Parker. Absent: 4 - Evans, Kirby, Nielsen and Schroeder.

Mayor Parker advised that this is the third and final day of public hearings for the 1980 Budget for the City of Tacoma and that this is the evening scheduled for hearing presentations from the Pierce County Health Department, Tacoma Public Library, Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society and the Metropolitan Park Board.

Mayor Parker announced at the outset that the Tacoma Public Library Board would like to change its position on the agenda to last because they have a series of presentations that may be more lengthy than the others.

Dr. Herron, Director of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department then addressed the Council and speaking in support of his budget for \$4,410,693. Also speaking in support were Don Oliver, Director of Environmental Health and Ms. Nancy Cherry, Director of Family and Community Home Services.

Councilman Evans arriving at 5:10 p.m.

Speaking upon the 1980 Budget, Mrs. Kathleen Skrinar, approached the Council to talk of her concerns of the Health Department's budget in the following areas: 1) Cost Effectiveness, 2) Fees for Delivery of Services and 3) Limitation of Services.

Mayor Parker then made a motion to take a five minute recess. Seconded by Councilman Hudson. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Council recessed for approximately five minutes.

The Council then reconvened at 6:10 p.m. and heard a brief presentation from Mr. Gary Aleshire of the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society.

Mr. Aleshire indicated that, while difficult, the society will live with its proposed budget with the understanding that if any additional monies are available it will be provided to the board on the same basis as other departments. Also speaking was Director Mr. Archie Fiddler. No member of the public appeared to speak regarding the Humane Society budget.

The Council then recessed its meeting at 6:35 p.m. to allow additional time for the Metropolitan Park Board members to arrive. Council then reconvened its meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m., at which time Park Board member Mr. John O'Leary approached the Council to review the District's budget.

He stated that the staff and commission has agreed to the proposed 3% increase in the budget but has additional concerns regarding its proposals for additional funds for the zoo, Northwest Trek and security plans for Point Defiance Park.

Councilman Hudson made a motion that the City Manager be directed to review the proposed three items of concern mentioned by Mr. O'Leary and report back to the Council by December 4, 1979. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Mr. Bill Glundberg, Superintendent of the District, then reviewed the entire budget with the Council stressing the positive programs in the District.

No one from the public appeared to speak on the Park District budget.

At 6:55 p.m. Library Board Chairman, Mr. Burke, gave a brief review of the Library Boards' budget followed by a detailed explanation by Library Director, Kevin Hegarty. Mr. Hegarty said the Library Board "is not happy but content with the proposed budget."

Following additional discussion and a series of slides by the Library, Mayor Parker adjourned the Council meeting at 7:43 p.m., concluding the Public Budget Hearings of the 1980 Budget.

ATTEST:


CATHERINE URSICH
DEPUTY CITY CLERK


MIKE PARKER - MAYOR