

Special Joint Meeting
Thursday, June 28, 1962
8:00 P. M.
Council Chamber

Present:

Mayor Robert H. Butler

Councilmen: Ted O. Rhodes
Sol C. Rose
Eugene Plummer
D. B. Maness

City Manager, G. W. Ray
City Attorney, J. O. Tally, Jr.
P.W.C. Chairman, P. O. Hoffer
P.W.C. Secretary, A. B. Carr
P.W.C. Treasurer, Harry Stein
City Accountant, George McCarthy

This special joint City Council-Public Works Commission was called to discuss the Public Works Commission utility extension commitments for the coming budget year.

Councilman Rose opened the discussion with a comment on the previously discussed proposed \$135,000.00 reduction in Public Work Commission's allocation to the City.

P.W.C. Chairman Hoffer stated that the P.W.C. plans to allocate the same amount, \$500,000.00, this year as in prior years.

Councilman Rose asked Chairman Hoffer about the present status of utility extension projects. Chairman Hoffer answered that P.W.C. is ready to go now on several outfalls, as soon as rights-of-way can be cleared.

Councilman Rose stated that, in his opinion, City should provide its own funds for P.W.C. construction and not rely on or request federal aid.

Councilman Rhodes commented that at a prior meeting of several of the members of the Council with P.W.C. that assistance of the City had been offered the P.W.C., if P.W.C. desired it, but he, Councilman Rhodes, was not in favor of \$135,000.00 reduction in P.W.C.'s allocation to the City.

Chairman Hoffer agreed and stated that assistance was not needed at the present, but that a bond issue may be necessary in a year or two.

Mayor Butler then asked P.W.C. Administrator R. A. Muench about the urgency on P.W.C. construction.

Administrator Muench stated that several outfalls - namely South, Southwest, West and Central No. 2 were needed now to some areas which have been restricted for several years, but that no emergency existed at present.

The discussion continued with various opinions being expressed about the varied aspects of P.W.C. construction commitments for future years and then the P.W.C. was excused and the joint meeting adjourned.

The Council then continued with further discussion of the City's preliminary budget for 1962-1963.

The proposed retirement plan for City employees was discussed further and Mayor Butler stated that, in his opinion, the City, in view of the heavy anticipated expenditures expected during the coming year and also in view of the increasing Social Security deductions, should forego considering a retirement plan at this time.

Councilman Rose was in agreement and reiterated his stand for possible salary increases where possible.

Councilman Rhodes spoke in favor of increased fringe benefits for City employees where possible if retirement plan is not to be considered.

Councilman Rose stated that he would be in favor of a tax increase to finance the retirement plan, but, according to the figures presented, the plan was not a feasible one. The other Council members were in general agreement with this.

There then followed a general discussion of the various aspects of the preliminary budget with special attention to contingencies and anticipated capital expenditures.

City Manager Ray stated that Fire Station No. 5 would be completed and ready to be manned in January, 1963 and also that a new aerial truck would be needed.

Following further discussion, another special budget meeting was set for Monday, July 2nd and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

Maurice W. Downs

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City Clerk