

MAY 30, 1969

An emergency meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby 2, B. C. on Friday, May 30, 1969 at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Prittie In the Chair;  
Aldermen Blair, Clark, Dailly,  
Drummond, Herd, Mercier and  
McLean;

ABSENT:

Alderman Ladner;

His Worship, The Mayor, reported to the Council that negotiations between Union and Vancouver Civic representatives commenced around 7.30 p.m. May 29th and subsequently collective negotiations developed between the Municipal and Union Negotiating teams. By 10:00 p.m. it appeared that an agreement might be reached. The purpose of this meeting was to report to the Council the events of these negotiations.

The Manager advised that following the last meeting of the Negotiating Teams on Monday, May 26th there were some extraordinary events which took place which were watched very closely by the Municipal Negotiating Team. The events seemed to follow very quickly after an announcement by the Mediation Commission saying that they were going to go ahead with the scheduled meeting for Friday morning.

Mr. Ryan of the City of Vancouver had been approached re emergency services for the City which appeared to be an unusual move on the part of the Union. This approach is by past experience not made until a strike is underway. The approach led to discussions with Mr. Ryan who asked why the negotiations had broken off last Monday and subsequently a new meeting was arranged and the Civic Negotiation Team was partly represented in the beginning and later was represented by most of the team.

As a result of this meeting a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed by the Union and Negotiating Teams and this Memorandum of Understanding is attached to and forms a part of these Minutes.

The main effect of the agreement would be that a 6.75% increase across the Board would be effective with 1¢ an hour adjustment on the base rate for outside workers which meets a rate set by the Greater Vancouver Water District earlier. The agreement has a built in 8½% increase but the cost to the municipality initially will be about 6.75% and effective January 1st, 1970 will be 8.5%.

The Manager gave an explanation of the other minor adjustments worked out as shown on the Memorandum of Understanding and advised that the employees would be returning to work by 1:00 p.m. provided the agreement was ratified by the Union.

The Union was meeting in the James Cowan Centre at 10:30 a.m. to vote an acceptance or rejection of the agreement.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER:  
"That the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 29th, 1969 at the City of Vancouver, and signed by the Civic representatives on the Negotiating Team for the Municipalities of Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond and by the representatives of the various Unions concerned, be ratified by this Council."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Manager reported that during the short duration of the strike the services of the municipality went quite smoothly except for the Social Service Department which could not handle the telephone and counter calls. It was felt that the Council might wish to pay tribute to the exempt staff.

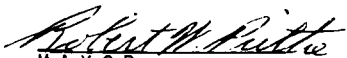
MOVED BY ALDERMAN CLARK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HERD:  
"That a vote of thanks be extended to the exempt staff of this Corporation for their efforts during the Civic strike, in maintaining the municipal services."

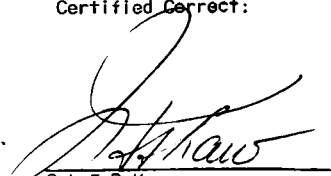
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The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

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