

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THURSDAY JULY 27th, 1916.

Present: His Worship Mayor Hanes
Alderman Foreman
Alderman Biss
Alderman Irwin
Alderman Wright
Alderman Morden
Alderman Barclay

Mr. Martinson asked permission to address the Council in reference to a Mortgage held by William Walker on the West one-half of Lot "C", subdivision of the S. ½ of Lot 5, Block 18, D.L. 549, City of North Vancouver, given by Clara Cummer and on motion permission was granted. Mr. Martinson stated that his client, Mr. Walker, held a mortgage for \$1500.00 on the above property; that at the Tax Sale held in July 1915, the whole of Block "C" had reverted to the City for unpaid taxes and that the Treasurer requested that the whole of the lot be redeemed and would not accept the taxes on the one half covered by Mr. Walker's Mortgage. Mr. Martinson asked that the Council accept the one-half of the taxes due on the whole block and to sign a tax certificate to his client.

Moved by Alderman Foreman and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the matter be referred to the City Solicitor.

In reference to the Woodworth & McNair tax sale matter which was referred to the City Solicitor at the last regular meeting of the council, to bring in a report at this adjourned meeting, the City Solicitor stated that he had interviewed Mr. Woodworth the following day and had followed the matter up by a letter confirming his interview with Mr. Woodworth, a copy of which was read and was to the effect that the Council could not give any positive assurance that it would accept the actual amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of resale from Mr. Woodworth's client and give a retransfer of this land to her, but that the individual members of the Council had expressed themselves strongly in favor if possible of protecting owners of these properties and that there was no doubt the Council would in so far as legally possible protect them. The report was adopted and a copy of the letter was ordered filed and the Solicitor instructed to communicate with Mr. Woodworth by telephone of Council's decision in the matter.

The Solicitor reported to the effect that in his opinion Section 2 of the War Relief Act includes Municipal Taxes and that during the continuance of the war it is not lawful for Municipalities to take any action or sale proceedings against any person mentioned in said Section by reason of his having defaulted in payment of taxes.

Moved by Alderman Foreman and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Municipal Clerk of Point Grey be notified that this City does not intend to take any part in the proposed test case in reference to this Act.

Alderman Foreman reported that he had attended at the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Vancouver City Council and that he had laid the facts in connection with the City's application for exemption from taxes of the Vancouver Ferry terminal

before the Committee and the Committee had granted a reduction in the year's taxes for the present year of one-half. The year's taxes being \$2640.00, with the reduction the amount would be \$1320.00.

Acting City Clerk Sutton, reported that he had received a wire form the Superintendent of the provincial Home at Kamloops advising that Edward Johnston could be admitted to the Provincial Home immediately.

Moved by Alderman Biss and seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Chief of Police and the City Medical Health Officer investigate the matter and make report to eh Council Monday evening.

At 8:20 it was moved by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Council adjourn. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: George S. Hanes, Mayor