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Communication
of
Mayor Miller
relative to
policing the
A. Y. C. Exposition
grounds.

APR 19 1909

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ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your *Finance* Committee

to which was referred the within *Communication*

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that *it be placed on file.*

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE.

April 19, 1909.

~~TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF~~
THE CITY OF SEATTLE.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my communication of the 5th inst., addressed to your honorable body, relating to the appointment of sufficient police under authority of the city to be in attendance at the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition June 1st to October 16th, 1909, I now have the honor to ask of your honorable body definite expression of the attitude and intention of the council upon the question of furnishing of the police.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Chief of Police in which he states that to adequately perform the services, it will take a force of seventy-five emergency uniformed men and ten men to constitute a detective corps.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Sawyer of your honorable body, the Chief of Police and myself met the Exposition Committee, consisting of Messrs. Chilberg, Stewart and Baker, when, after a general discussion of the situation, the decision was reached that, with the consent of your honorable body, the city would furnish the seventy-five uniformed emergency men at the city's expense and the Exposition company to bear the expense of the ten men constituting the detective corps or plain clothes men, the entire force to be absolutely and at all times under the immediate and sole authority of the Chief of Police.

A copy of the resolution of the Executive Committee of

the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, providing for the payment of said plain clothes men is hereunto attached.

~~In view of the powers and limitations embodied in~~
Section 1, Article 7, of the City Charter, I am of the opinion that the legal status of this additional force can only be based upon the clause in said section authorizing the Mayor to appoint emergency policemen. The extraordinary condition which will arise by reason of the thousands of people within the city who will be here during the period of the Exposition will constitute an emergency within the meaning of the charter provision. The legal method, therefore, is for the Mayor to determine whether public safety requires this action, and the emergency men be appointed thereunder, but the charter further provides that such appointments shall continue only "until the conclusion of the meeting of the City Council held next after such appointment and not longer, except by consent of the council".

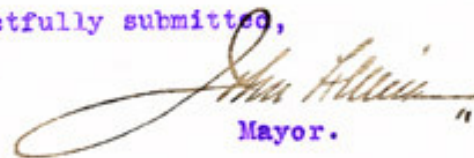
It would be an idle ceremony as well as an injustice to the policemen so appointed should the emergency be determined by me and the appointment of these officers be made thereunder to have the appointments lapse by reason of the consent of the council being withheld. These emergency policemen, whose terms of service will be four and one-half months will of necessity be forced to procure the regular police uniform at their own expense, and be drilled and equipped for duty.

It is my intention to declare the emergency and to make the appointments thereunder, but to give these appointments efficacy and any surety of permanency for the period indicated, I

now have the honor to ask of your honorable body the assurance or non-assurance of the "consent" mentioned in the charter.

The unexpected burden of furnishing the police to patrol the gates and grounds of the Exposition was cast upon the city only two weeks ago, hence time is vital to all concerned. I am therefore constrained to ask your honorable body to take immediate action by resolution, or otherwise, to the end that the attitude of the city in this emergency be fully determined.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Allen
Mayor.

The City of Seattle

Washington

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
CENTRAL STATION

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KINDLY REFER TO
INITIALS.....I.V.....

April 19th, 1909.

Honorable John F. Miller,
Mayor of the City of Seattle.

Dear Sir:

In reference to our conversation this morning relative to the number of men it would require to police the Exposition grounds, in case it is decided the city perform that duty, would state that after careful consideration of the subject I think it would require to adequately protect the grounds:

One Captain.

Six Sergeants.

Sixty-eight Patrolmen, and

Ten Detectives.

I would request, in view of the near approach of the opening of the Exposition, which is but little over a month distant, that some action be taken at once so we can know just where we stand. A month is a very short period in which to select men, equip them, and prepare them for the duties of a police officer.

Yours respectfully,


Chief of Police.

Resolution from the Minutes of the
Executive Committee
of the
Alaska Yukon Pacific Ex.
April 17, 1909.

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It was ordered that the recommendation of the Finance Committee that \$1500 per month for the period from June 1st to the end of the Exposition, covering the services of ten plain-clothes men be appropriated, said \$1500 per month for said purpose to be paid to the City of Seattle, be approved.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution taken from the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at its meeting held Saturday, April 17th, 1909.

Wm. Sheppard
Secretary.