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Report of Putnam
as request of Res 1372

APR 26 1917

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ACTION OF THE COUNCIL

REFERRED	APR 30 1917	TO	Judiciary and Dept. Efficiency
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MAY 21 1917		DISPOSITION	On file

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your *Judiciary and Dept. Efficiency* Committee

to which was referred the within *Report*

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

Lawrence
Putnam
CHAIRMAN

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Seattle, May 21, 1917.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The undersigned members of the City Council desire to call attention to the fact that the City Council has made monthly appropriations of all sums requested by the Mayor for enforcement of the liquor laws, including \$1,700.00 for the month of April, 1917, appropriated by Ordinance No. 37,294, introduced April 16th and passed April 23rd.

In this connection we desire to express our disapproval of the acceptance or expenditure of money by any city department, official or employe while acting in a public capacity, except public money in the manner provided by law.

(Signed)

W. Wickman Moore
Oliver J. Erickson
C. B. Fitzgerald
H. J. Swan

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CITY OF SEATTLE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE

April 26th, 1917.

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Seattle.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your resolution
No. 5372, of the 16th. inst. I requested Sgt.
Putnam of the Special Detail of the Police
Department to render statement as called for
by your resolution.

I am in receipt of the Seargent's
report, under date of April 23rd. inst. and
transmit it herewith.

Yours respectfully,

W. H. Hill
MAYOR.

enc.

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C. L. BECKINGHAM
CHIEF

The City of Seattle

Washington

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

WHEN ANSWERING
KINDLY REFER TO

INITIALS _____

Seattle, Wn., April 23, 1917.

Hon. H. C. Gill,
Mayor,
Seattle, Wn.

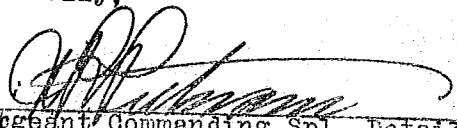
Sir:-

As per your request of April 20th, relative to Resolution No. 5372, adopted by the City Council on the 16th inst., will state that during the interval from about September until after the first of the year, I received in money a sum amounting to between \$1300.00 and \$1400.00 from Dr. M. A. Mathews, which was used in employing men for secret investigation and obtaining advance information that would place the officers in a position to obtain evidence against violators of the Liquor Law. These men were unknown even to the members of my Detail, and not being on the City pay rolls, they were in no danger of being "tipped off" and could supply me with valuable information which could have been obtained in no other way. This information has resulted in many arrests and fines for violations of the liquor law.

Prior to receipt of this money, I and my men had tendered our own money to keep up the work, as we were then receiving very little expense money from the City. I might add that so far during the present month, I have received no funds from the City and have carried the work on my own account to the amount of between \$450.00 and \$500.00.

Either during July or August of last year, it was your suggestion that some of the prohibition organizations might tender financial assistance in this work. Later, I went to your Chief of Police, Mr. Chas. L. Beckingham, and he advised me to go to Dr. Mathews, as he should be in a position to help me. Some time after this, I went to Dr. Mathews and explained to him the lack of necessary funds to carry on the work to advantage, and he not only supplied me money from time to time, aggregating the above amount, but also gave me his time and personal assistance in many ways.

Respectfully,


Sergeant Commanding Spl. Detail.

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