

RESOLUTION NO. 5562

Whereas, the city council has always stood ready and willing to assist the mayor of our city in the enforcement of any and all laws, both by way of passing needful ordinances and in the making of necessary appropriations to make such ordinances effective, and particularly has he had the united support of the council in his energetic endeavors to suppress the illegal traffic in intoxicating liquors in this city; and

Whereas, the giving of moneys by private individuals to, and the acceptance of the same by police officers, no matter from whom received or for what purposes, is against good public policy in that it tends to destroy discipline, throws temptation in the way of the officers, leads to conflict of authority, causes lack of confidence in the honesty and efficiency of public officials, and is demoralizing in every way; and

Whereas, Dr. M. A. Matthews, in the recent trial of the government case against Mayor Gill, and others, testified that he had paid hundreds of dollars to Sergeant Putnam of the police dry squad, which payments were manifestly improper and unnecessary in view of the appropriations that were being made from time to time by the council for the purpose of carrying on the fight made by the mayor against the liquor interests, which appropriations were ample and immediately available at all times; and

Whereas, no accounting has been had or given by Sergeant Putnam of these contributions either to the mayor or to the council; and

Whereas, the retention of such moneys by the city would be a reflection on the willingness and ability of the people of our city to run their own affairs and pay the cost thereof; and

Whereas, it is to the public interest that said contributions be accounted for and the amount thereof ascertained and returned to Dr. Matthews as soon as may be.

Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE:

That the mayor be requested to call upon Sergeant Putnam for a

full and complete statement of what moneys were received by him from Dr. Matthews, or from any other person, at what times, and for what purposes the same were expended, and that the city council on being advised by the mayor of the amounts received by Sergeant Putnam pass the necessary ordinance or ordinances to reimburse Dr. Matthews, or others, for the amount of these contributions.

Passed the City Council the 2nd day of April, 1917, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 2nd day of April, 1917.

President of the City Council.

Filed the 2nd day of April, 1917.

City Comptroller and ex-officio City Clerk.

The City of Seattle---Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Judiciary

to which was referred Resolution No. 5562

Requesting the Mayor to call upon Sergeant Putnam for a report as to moneys received from Dr. Matthews or others and providing for the return of such moneys,

Recommends that said resolution be indefinitely postponed and that the proposed resolution herewith submitted as a substitute therefor be passed.

L. L. Lamm Chairman
B. B. Batten

Date Reported.....19.....

Date Adopted.....19.....