

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

August 2, 1977
7:00 P.M.

Burnet Junior High School

The Special Called Meeting of the City Council was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers
Cooke, Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen, Trevino

Absent: None

This was the fourth in a series of CIP meetings, to determine CIP expenditures of \$572 million in the next five-year period. She said this meeting is being held to accommodate the northwest area of the City. Definition of the area is:

Bounded by City limit line on the north, 29th Street on the south, City limit line on the west, and IH 35 on the east.

The Mayor told the audience they would be able to speak on any matter of City-wide concern and not just the northwest area.

City Manager Dan Davidson introduced Capital Budget Officer Jorge Carrasco, who presented a brief overview of anticipated projects which will effect the northwest area. Mr. Carrasco pointed out to the Council several staff reports had been distributed to them for their review of an analysis of the golf, tennis, softball and swimming programs. In addition, he said, staff has reported on Congress Avenue improvements which includes three options. He asked if the Council wanted the presentation given that night. The Mayor said she would like to hear it later.

Mr. Carrasco told the audience hand-outs effecting five different areas of the City had been placed for their perusal. One of the areas, he said, is northwest, as defined earlier. The amount of money set aside in the CIP budget for this area is \$41.4 million dollars, to be spent as follows:

\$25.4 million	public utility improvements
\$ 3 million	public works
\$ 545,000	one fire station
\$ 566,000	one branch library
\$11.7 million	parks improvements

MAURY HOOD, member of Balcones Wood Civic Association, appeared to say they are concerned with three things:

1. Maintain status quo of Spicewood Springs Road, as presented as a divided road, with no change in funding.
2. Funds allocated for a library can be spent somewhere else, because the present library on Far West services this area. He said perhaps the funds could be transferred to the library asked for by the residents in the northeast section.
3. That the money designated for the funding of a park remain as is.

FRANCIE BREYFOGLE, member of Austin Tomorrow Ongoing Committee, representing Zone 2, appeared to urge the full funding of Walnut Creek Park, including the recreation center, as planned.

JIM LANGLEY, immediate past President of North Austin Civic Association, lives in the Quail Creek area. He appeared to express their support of the proposed Walnut Creek District Park in north Austin. A proposed recreation center has been deleted by the Planning Commission and he asks that it be re-instated.

DON FRIEDMAN, resident in the area, supported Walnut Creek Park and also asked for re-instatement of the recreation center.

JUDY NATH, Chairman of Cook School Association, and Acting Chairman of the Cook Community School Advisory Council, appeared to request more recreational facilities, on behalf of the organizations she represents. She urged the completion of Walnut Creek Park.

TINA MCKAY, representing Wooten Park, requested a pool and restroom facilities. She said a concern is traffic on Anderson Lane and Lazy Lane, and asked the Council to check into the hazard.

BO BYERS, Vice-President, Capital Area Tennis Association, said \$2.640 million dollars is allocated for the tennis program for the next five years, with expenditure of 60% of the money being delayed until 1980. That means, he said, 32 of the proposed lighted courts will not be available for 4 to 5 years. He said this would not accommodate, at present, the vast number of tennis players. He urged tennis court construction be considered sooner.

GERALD NEELEY, President, Golden Eagle Youth Athletic Association, and President, Walnut Creek Little League, said there are 500 youth participating in sport activities. They have adequate personnel to help them, but lack facilities, and urged that the youth center be kept in the budget.

BARBARA HAWKINS said there are no swimming facilities for adults. Available pools are so crowded, one is unable to swim laps. She urges more facilities for swimmers.

BOB SCHRAEGER, resident of the area, cited the need for Walnut Creek Park and urged the approval of its development.

JODY GALLAWAY, Austin Women's Tennis Association, spoke in support of the request made by Bo Byers.

MORGAN MUNKIN, representing himself, cited the need for the Walnut Creek Park. He said improvements for the north section of Austin seem to be constantly delayed.

TERRY LEYBESSE, representing the Creek Committee of the Allendale Neighborhood Association, said they are very happy with the upper Shoal Creek interceptor.

PHILLIP LOWELL, Allendale Neighborhood Association, cited the proposed holding pond as part of the Spicewood Springs Road development. He said they felt it is essential to maintaining the creek in proper form.

SHARON SANDER appeared to urge that something be done about the topless bathing at Barton Springs. She would like the practice banned. She also spoke in support of the Walnut Creek area.

MARVIN HACKER spoke in favor of improvements to Spicewood Springs Road and put in his plea for a hike and bike trail in the area. He also spoke of the landlocked area of Balcones West and said something should be done so there is access for residents other than Balcones.

AGNES EDWARDS, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, appeared to say she is concerned about the cost of maintaining swimming pools and asked the Council to look into the amount of money spent.

MRS. WALTER RICHTER, 3901 Avenue G, appeared to ask what the use of Hancock Golf Course would be when it is closed. She questioned \$45,000 being allocated for the paving of a parking lot. Another thing she questioned is the beautification of right of way medians. She, personally, would rather have something else. "This is something I really don't need", she said. Mr. Davidson said money allocated for parking lot pavement is to re-pave an existing lot which has been there for some time. He also informed her the Council does not have to beautify medians, but they have allocated it previously, because citizens in the past have asked for this. It cannot be done all at one time, but is done a little each year as conditions warrant.

EDWARD NEET, representing Balcones Hills Civic Association as a member of their parks committee, spoke in favor of the retention of the original amount of \$400,000 for the Spicewood Springs Park, rather than the reduced amount of \$250,000.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Called Meeting of the Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED

Carole Keeton McAllister

Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Monroe

City Clerk