

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

August 20, 1959

10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Absent: Councilman Bechtol (as he was out of the City)

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police.

Invocation was delivered by REV. BOB GRAHAM, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2001 Koenig Lane.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of August 13, 1959 and of the Special Meeting of August 11th, 1959, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Nes: None
Absent: Councilmen Bechtol
Present but not voting: Councilman Palmer

Mayor Miller announced the retirement of MR. JEROME HILL after 25 years' service. Dr. E. H. Givens, speaking for Jerome Hill, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of serving the 25 years, and introduced two of his children James Hill, Director of the Band at Abilene, and Mrs. Irene Thomas, Secretary at Anderson High School.

MR. ROBERT SNEED appeared before the Council about a need for sewer facilities in the St. Johns Addition. Besides the existing problem, there are now problems developing--large commercial uses along the Expressway. MR. C. A. McDOUGAL, Holiday Inn, stated their need for sanitary sewers, as they were planning an expansion of the Motel this fall. The City Manager outlined the plans for providing sewer facilities in the area. The Water Superintendent roughly estimated the cost at \$200,000, and said the problem was recognized and that a

preliminary engineering survey was being made; and that this program would depend upon future bond issues. It was his opinion that it would be approximately two years before sewer facilities could be available to this area. The Mayor asked about the feasibility of putting this in on a refund basis. MR. WILLIE BARTEE, St. Johns Area, asked that the Council help them get a sewer system, like it did water, lights, and fireplugs. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Sneed get with Mr. Davis and see if something on a refund basis could be worked out.

Pursuant to published notice thereof the following zoning applications were publicly heard:

EULA WILLIAMS	3004 East 18th Street	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
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Mrs. Williams represented herself requesting the change so that she could have a beauty parlor in her home, and filed a petition with 60 signatures. Opposition was expressed by BOOKER T. MOORE, HATTIE CHAMBERS who owned rent property in the area; MATTIE DAVIS: sister of Mattie Davis; and others. The Council deferred action until it could make a personal inspection of the area.

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J. C. COX	4601 Hank Avenue	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
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Mr. Cox appeared in his own behalf, and filed a petition signed by eight of his nearest neighbors favoring the change; and a letter asking that one name be removed from a petition objecting to the change. The change was requested to permit a beauty parlor in the home. Opposition was expressed by MRS. T. H. FREEMAN, who presented 23 signatures of those protesting. The Council deferred action until it could make a personal inspection of the area.

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LUCILLE HARVEY By Robert C. Sneed	8520-8750 Lamar Blvd.	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
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Mr. Sneed represented the applicant. The Council agreed that the area was commercial in nature, but wanted to wait on the engineering details on laying out the plat and dedicating certain streets which are now being worked out.

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GORDON W. GRIFFIN

813-15 East 32nd Street

From "A" Residence
To "O" Office
NOT Recommended by the
Planning Commission

Mr. Griffin represented himself. Opposition was expressed by MRS. S. W. BOHLS and MRS. ANNA MAE FORD. The Council deferred action pending receipt of plans and a commitment.

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MRS. JACK HUDSPETH
MRS. BERNICE MESSOLONG-
HITES, By G.T. Wall,
Agent

5900 Woodrow, 1400-04
Koenig Lane

From "A" Residence
To "LR" Local Retail
RECOMMENDED by the
Planning Commission

The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "LR" Local Retail to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "LR" Local Retail and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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WALTER T. ANDERSON, Owner 5300 Avenue H
J.C. VINSON, Purchaser
By Doak Rainey, Agent

From "LR" Local Retail
To "C-1" Commercial
NOT Recommended by the
Planning Commission

Mr. Vinson amended his application to request "C" Commercial. No opposition appeared. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "C" Commercial to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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MRS. C. E.SHELVIN 2403 East 12th Street From "A" Residence
To "B" Residence
RECOMMENDED by the
Planning Commission

No opposition appeared. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "B" Residence to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "B" Residence and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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JOE K. MURCHISON 2305-07 North Loop Blvd. From "A" Residence
To "GR" General Retail
RECOMMENDED by the
Planning Commission

No opposition appeared. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "GR" General Retail to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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M. H. REED TRUST #2 5617 Airport Blvd. From "C" Commercial
Harry Joseph, Lessee To "C-1" Commercial
RECOMMENDED by the
Planning Commission

No opposition appeared. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "C-1" Commercial to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-1" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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ALFRED T. RANGEL

2522 East 7th Street

From "D" Industrial
To "C-1" Commercial
RECOMMENDED by the
Planning Commission

No opposition appeared. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "C-1" Commercial to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-1" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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Along with the zoning application of GORDON W. GRIFFIN on 813-15 East 32nd Street, MRS. ANNA MAE FORD and MRS. S. W. BOHLS made complaints of the maintenance of East 32nd Street, and that it had not been paved although they were under the impression it had been under contract.

Mayor Miller brought up the following zoning ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE FOLLOWING: (1) LOT 1, BLOCK A, NORTHWAY CREST SECTION 3, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT. (2) LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 15, HAPPY HOLLOW, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE DISTRICT. ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD SUCH CHANGES; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Palmer moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Palmer moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH WAYNE A. BURNS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

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Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"Sealed bids opened 2:00 P.M. August 17, 1959
Tabulated by: O. G. Brush, Purchasing Agent

"CITY OF AUSTIN BIDS FOR
TIRES, TUBES, RECAPPING CONTRACT
Sept. 1, 1959 - Aug. 31, 1960

	WESLEY PEARSON	B. F. GOODRICH	AUSTIN GOODYEAR	TOM COOK TIRE CO.	LOW BID LAST YEAR (8/18/58)
TIRES AND TUBES (Estimated quantities based on previous purchases)	\$36,519.63	\$36,271.39	\$36,323.13	No Bid	using present quantities \$39,323.20
RECAPPING AND SECTION REPAIRS	No. Bid	4,991.10	5,516.09	\$5,384.20	\$ 4,488.59

*Changed specifications on Recapping to usage of natural rubber in place of cold rubber which lists for 15% more.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend low bidder, B. F. Goodrich be awarded contract for all tires, tubes and recapping.

"W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager"

Councilman Palmer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on August 17, 1959, for the furnishing of tires and tubes and for recapping and section repairs; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of B. F. Goodrich Company, in the sum of \$36,271.39 for the furnishing of tires and tubes, was the lowest and best bid therefor; and

WHEREAS, the bid of B. F. Goodrich Company, in the sum of \$4,991.10 for recapping and section repairs, was the lowest and best bid therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the acceptance of such bids has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

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

That the bids of B. F. Goodrich Company, in the sum of \$36,271.39 for furnishing tires and tubes, and in the sum of \$4,991.10 for recapping and section repairs, be and the same are hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, is hereby authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the City with B. F. Goodrich Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The City Manager submitted the following:

"August 18, 1959

"Following is a tabulation of the bids received at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 18, 1959 for the construction of approximately eleven (11) blocks of pavement and accessories on Stratford Drive from WPL Canyon Circle (West) to WPL Elgin Avenue-Contract Number 59-A-21.

"Lee Maners	\$40,002.06
Collins Construction Co. of Texas	42,906.34
Giesen & Latson Construction Co.	51,174.64
Ed H. Page	51,629.22
Capital Construction Co., Inc.	70,857.82

"City's Estimate \$39,073.20

"I recommend that Lee Maners with his low bid of \$40,002.06 be awarded the contract for this project.

"S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.
Director of Public Works"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on August 18, 1959, for the construction of approximately eleven (11) blocks of pavement and accessories on Stratford Drive from WPL Canyon Circle (West) to WPL Elgin Avenue - Contract Number 59-A-21; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Lee Maners in the sum of \$40,002.06 was the lowest and best bid therefor; and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

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

That the bid of Lee Maners in the sum of \$40,002.06 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, is hereby authorized to execute contract on behalf of the City with Lee Maners.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Bechtol

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, after an engineering and traffic investigation, the City Council has found that the circumstances are such that vehicular traffic can move northbound and southbound on South 1st Street at its intersection with West Live Oak Street in safety without being required to stop at said intersection, and that stop signs are not needed at said intersection governing the traffic moving northbound and southbound on South 1st Street, and

WHEREAS, after an engineering and traffic investigation, the City Council has found that its previous finding that stop signs were necessary governing northbound and southbound traffic on South 1st Street at its intersection with Live Oak Street should be deleted from Section 33.53(12) of the Traffic Register; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Clerk be authorized and instructed to record these findings in Section 33.53(12) of the Traffic Register.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Bechtol

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, after an engineering and traffic investigation, the City Council has found that the circumstances are such that the maximum reasonable and safe speed for the operation of vehicles at the following locations during the times stated is less than thirty (30) miles per hour when pedestrians are present, due to the proximity of said streets to schools; and,

WHEREAS, after said investigation the City Council has found that the maximum reasonable and safe speed for the operation of vehicles on school days during the hours 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. when pedestrians are present is twenty (20) miles per hour at the following locations:

<u>ON STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Newton Street	Elizabeth Street	Nellie Street

Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Clerk be authorized and instructed to record this finding in Section 33.39 of the Traffic Register.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Bechtol

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That the City Manager, W. T. Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Harold Legge in accordance with the terms and provisions of that certain contract,

a copy of which is attached to this resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said contract without recordation in the minutes of the City Council.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Council granted permission for the SHRINE CIRCUS PARADE, to be held at 3:00 P.M., October 26, 1959, and accepted the invitation from SHERIFF T. O. LANG, through Councilman White, to participate in the parade by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The City Attorney submitted a recommendation for sale of some City property at Newning and East Riverside Drive consisting of approximately 5000 square feet. The Council deferred action until next week so that it could look at the property.

After considering the request for vacating an alley from West Elizabeth and West Gibson between Congress Avenue and Eva Street, Councilman Palmer moved that since there were some property owners that opposed the closing of this alley, that the application be denied. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Assistant City Manager submitted a request for naming a portion of Highway 183 "Research Road", stating that property owners abutting this portion of the Road had requested it, and about 95% of the property owners on the outside of the City limits had also requested this name. Councilman Perry moved that the portion of Highway 183 be named "RESEARCH ROAD". The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Palmer, Perry, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Bechtol

The Council agreed informally to set Thursday October 1st for the sale of \$6,500,000 Utility Revenue Bonds and \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds.

Mayor Miller announced that the Council would have a Special Meeting Tuesday, August 25th at 2:30 P.M. and possibly Wednesday.

The City Manager stated that the Fire Department needed to know which method would be put into effect--whether the present employees would keep the same hours with more pay or if the additional people would be hired, as it is time now to notify the persons eligible whether or not they will be employed.

The City Attorney stated notice of a hearing on diversion permit of Williamson County Water Improvement District had been received and stated he would be glad to attend.

The Assistant City Manager made a report on a meeting of a Chamber of Commerce Committee with him and the Traffic Engineer regarding down-town parking regarding a change in parking meters, and on the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer. He stated this matter could be brought up next Thursday.

The Assistant City Manager submitted the request of MR. GEORGE VAN FLEET that when the Boy Scouts celebrate the 50th Anniversary on February 11, 1960, that they be permitted to have a pot-luck dinner in the Auditorium. The Council discussed this, and it was suggested that the Boy Scouts be offered Barton Springs picnic facilities, or possibly that they could use the Old Boy Scout Hut.

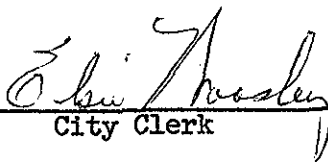
There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 1:50 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk