

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

May 1, 1951
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Glass presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Drake, Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Glass
Absent: NoneNOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin will be held on the 1st day of May, 1951, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado Streets, in Austin, Texas, at ten o'clock A. M. for the purpose of administering oath to council members elected at general city election held April 2, 1951, and organization of Council for new term of two years, and for appointment of certain officers to be named by Council under authority of charter and laws of Texas.

Dated this 26th day of April, 1951.

(S) Taylor Glass
Mayor
City of Austin, Texas(S) Elsie Woosley
City Clerk
City of Austin, Texas

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice, waiving any and all irregularities in such service and such notice, and consent and agree that said City Council shall meet at the time and place therein stated.

(S) W. S. Drake, Jr.
(S) Will T. Johnson
(S) Mrs. Stuart Long
(S) Stuart A. MacCorkle

A large group were present in the Council Room. MR. HENRY RAMSEY asked if Mr. Quincy Adams from the Governor's Office might appear before the Council. MR. ADAMS then read the following letter:

"Executive Department
Austin, Texas
May 1, 1951

"Honorable Taylor Glass
Austin, Texas

Dear Taylor:

"As you close your period of service as Mayor of Austin, please allow me to extend hearty congratulations on a job well done.

"The interest of State Government and the City of Austin are so closely related as to give us many mutual problems and aspirations. Your understanding and helpful cooperation during the last two years will be remembered with appreciation.

"With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(S) Allan Shivers"

MR. C. B. SMITH addressed the Mayor stating he had made tremendous progress in this City where he had given much devotion and time for the development of the City. Mr. Smith spoke as President of the Austin Area Economic Foundation, and stated Mayor Glass would always be remembered as one of the younger men of Austin who had done a wonderful job. He conveyed the best wishes of the business men and people who had worked with him.

MR. E. J. DAVIS, JR., President, Austin Optimist Club read the following letter.

AUSTIN OPTIMIST CLUB
AUSTIN, TEXAS
MAY 1, 1951

"Honorable Taylor Glass
Mayor of the City of Austin
Austin, Texas

Honorable Sir:

"The Austin Optimist Club takes this opportunity to express, in writing, their appreciation for the unselfish and untiring efforts you have made during your tenure as Mayor to make our beautiful City physically and morally clean.

"We are proud to remind the people of Austin that you are a member and past president of the Austin Optimist Club. We look forward to having you back with us, and know that the City's loss will be our gain.

Respectfully yours,

(S) E. J. Davis, Jr.
President, Austin Optimist Club."

MR. WILLIE I. KOCUREK, President of the School Board, read the following letter:

"The Honorable Taylor Glass
Mayor of the City of Austin
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Glass:

"The members of the Board of Education and the Administration of the Austin Public Schools wish to commend you for the excellent services you have rendered the City of Austin and the Austin Public Schools while you have been our Mayor.

"We appreciate the fine cooperation and genial relationship which have existed between the City Government and the schools during your administration. You have been helpful to us in the consideration of mutual problems and in your understanding of school construction difficulties in the city.

"With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(S) Irby B. Carruth
Superintendent of Schools

(S) W. I. Kocurek
President, Board of Education

MR. BOYCE N. CAMPBELL, President, Austin Junior Chamber of Commerce, read the following letter:

"AUSTIN JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AUSTIN, TEXAS
May 1, 1951

"Mr. Taylor Glass
Municipal Building
Austin, Texas

"Dear Taylor:

"The young men of the Austin Junior Chamber of Commerce want to take this opportunity to express their gratitude and thanks for serving as our Mayor and City Councilman. We think that Austin needs more young men with an open mind like yourself that are willing to give of their time and energies to Public Service.

"Through your efforts and interests we think that Austin has improved and grown in many respects. We want to thank you for the recognition you have given to the young men and the ideas they have brought forth to make Austin a better place in which to live.

"Again thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,

(S) Boyce N. Campbell, President
Austin Junior Chamber of Commerce"

A silver service was presented to Mayor and Mrs. Glass by Neville Johnston in behalf of the citizens of Austin in appreciation of his service and her cooperation. Mr. Ed St. John presented a movie camera, and Mr. C. B. Smith presented an anniversary clock which he requested to be wound and started this date and which would not be needed to be wound again for one year, at which time he wanted the Mayor to wind it again in remembrance of his fine friends in Austin.

MAYOR GLASS thanked the people for the nice gifts and for the wonderful support they had given this Council in the past; and stated they had given him the greatest honor one could give any citizen--that of serving on the Council. He hoped that Austin was as good or a little better than it was at the time he first came on the Council. He stated it was a community that had a great future, and a place everyone could be proud to raise their children.

At this point, Mayor Glass asked that REV. JOHN BARCLAY lead in prayer.

The Oath of Office was administered by City Attorney Trueman E. O'Quinn to the following Councilmen-elect: W. S. DRAKE, JR., WILL T. JOHNSON, MRS. STUART (EMMA) LONG, STUART A. MacCORKLE, BEN WHITE.

Thereupon Mayor Glass declared W. S. Drake, Jr., Will T. Johnson, Mrs. Stuart (Emma) Long, Stuart A. MacCorkle, and Ben White to be the duly elected and installed City Council for the ensuing two years.

Immediately thereafter, Councilman Johnson suggested that Mayor Taylor Glass act as Moderator as agreed previously until the Council organized.

Councilman White nominated W. S. DRAKE, JR., as Mayor, and MRS. STUART (EMMA) LONG as Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilman Johnson nominated STUART A. MacCORKLE as Mayor Pro-tem.

The Council then took a vote on the nomination of W. S. DRAKE, JR., as Mayor. The roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White
Passed: Councilman Drake
Noes: None

There being no other other nominations for Mayor-Pro-Tem, Moderator Glass stated there would be a standing vote. He called first for those in favor of Councilman Long as Mayor Pro-Tem to stand. Councilman White stood, casting one vote.

Moderator Glass then asked that those in favor of Councilman MacCorkle as Mayor Pro-tem to stand. Councilmen Johnson, Drake, and Long stood, electing Councilman MacCorkle by a three to one vote as Mayor Pro-tem.

Moderator Glass then announced W. S. DRAKE, JR., as Mayor of Austin, and STUART A. MacCORKLE as Mayor Pro-tem.

MAYOR DRAKE expressed appreciation for the honor that the citizens and Council bestowed upon him, stating he was apprehensive of his big job to fill the position held by Mayors Glass, Miller and McFadden. He stated it had been a pleasure to work with Mayor Glass and the rest of the Council, and he hoped with another two years that the people can have a Council they will be proud of.

MAYOR PRO-TEM MacCORKLE thanked the citizens for the confidence expressed in him, and that he realized he had a responsibility to the people; and he knew the people of Austin would never let the Council down, but they in turn did not expect the Council to let them down. He believed Austin to be the best of towns, and stated that the people here kept it in that status.

Former Mayor Glass asked the full cooperation of the people for the new Council. Councilman Johnson expressed his appreciation of Mayor Glass and his family and expressed his pleasure in working with them.

Mayor Drake asked the Council what it wanted to do about the appointments.

Councilman Long moved that the Council wait to make the appointments until Councilman White has had an opportunity to become more familiar with the officers and give him time to know the people and study them. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Council then adjourned until 10:00 A.M. Sharp, Thursday, May 3, 1951

APPROVED:

W S Drake
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elbi Woosley
City Clerk