



Austin City Council MINUTES

For SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - FEBRUARY 21, 1989 - 4:00 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM - TOWN LAKE CENTER - 721 BARTON SPRINGS
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Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

Mayor Cooke called to order the meeting of the Council, noting the absence of Councilmembers Urdy and Nofziger. He announced the purpose of the meeting was City Council Retreat to outline Council Goals and Objectives.

Councilmember Carl-Mitchell presented a brief outline of the goals and objectives generally discussed.

Mayor Cooke said on May 16, 1989, there should be an update presented on Metropolitan Government Consolidation. He also said May 30, 1989 is the drop dead date for any instructions to the City Manager concerning the 1989-90 financial plan.

The Councilmembers present discussed the following and set their goals and objectives. By a unanimous vote they adopted the following:

Economic Development

I. Airport Evaluation

- A. Master Plan Completion (February 1990)
- B. Start Land Acquisition (February 1990)
- C. Financial Plan and Funding Strategy (December 1989)

II. Existing Airport Location (Councilmember Barnstone abstained on all items pertaining to the airport.)

- A. Complete Land Site Improvements (December 1989)

III. Convention Center

- A. Break Ground (December 27, 1989)
- B. Bond Election (August 1989)

IV. Music District/Commission

- A. Recommendation for the Creation of a Music District (October 1989)

V. Enterprise Zone

- A. Priority in EDIT on Enterprise Zones
- B. Retention and Expansion of Local Small Businesses

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- VI. Foreign Trade Zone
 - A. Study the Feasibility of a Cooperative Free Trade Zone in Connection with 89/90 Budget
- VII. East 11th Street
 - A. Complete Two Parking Facilities (Spring 90)
- VIII. Increase Major Economic Sectors from Three to Seven with an Emphasis on Selfsustaining Economic Reliance
 - A. Government
 - B. Manufacturing
 - C. Service
 - D. Research & Development
 - E. Commercial Information
 - F. Tourism
 - G. Music
- IX. Austin as an Athletic Center
 - A. Put Together a Concentrated Plan to Develop Austin as an Athletic Center
- X. Jobs and Jobs Training
 - A. Job Training Program Working with the U.S. Census 1990
 - B. Achieve an Upgrade of the Dewitty Center so that the Facility is Filled with Job Training Programs
- XI. Buy Austin Program
 - A. Goods and Services Within Community--Influence Legislation to Allow Local Municipality Greater Flexibility
 - B. Local Professional Services--Direct Staff to Select Qualified Locals
 - C. COA Work with Private Sector to Educate and Promote Local Goods and Services Whenever Possible
- XII. Publicize Small Business Support
 - A. COA will Aggressively Promote External Resources that Support Small Business
- XIII. Promotion of the Healthy Neighborhoods and a Beautiful Environment as an Economic Asset (Ongoing)

Social Policy

- I. Affordable Housing (Regional/Families) Plan

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- A. A Comprehensive Plan for Affordable Housing Ranging from the Homeless to 120% of Median Income (December 1989)
- B. Looking at a Consolidated Arrangement with Other Housing Entities in Austin (December 1989)

II. Affirmative Action

- A. Correct Those Areas of Weakness Identified in the City Manager Report of February 14, 1989 (October 1990)

III. Child Care

- A. Look at Allowing Child Care Benefits as Part of the Whole Benefits Package (89/90 Budget)

IV. Homeless

- A. COA Work Directly with Homeless Organizations on Transitional Housing, and a Day Center Which Would Work (October 1989)
- B. COA Work Directly with Other Organizations to Work with the Homeless on Substance Abuse Problems (October 1989)

- V. Comprehensive Social Services Deliver Master Plan Policy (December 1989)

VI. Senior Citizens Assistance

- A. Comprehensive Elderly Program and Upgrade (Spring 1990)

Urban Planning

I. Neighborhood Revitalization/Beautification

- A. Setting the Neighborhood Revitalization/Beautification Goals as a Priority (89/90 Budget)
- B. Support of the Neighborhoods Program (Trees) (89/90 Budget)

II. AustinPlan

- A. Adoption of Comprehensive Plan for COA (July 1989)

III. Compact City

- A. Review Existing Planning, Zoning and Utility Policies of COA that Might Run Counter to Development of a Denser City (July 1989)

IV. Downtown Revitalization

- A. Specific Strategies to Revitalize Core with Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Commission (June 1989)
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V. Annexation

- A. Adopt an Annexation Plan (August 1989)

VI. Establish Staff Zoning

- A. Presentation to Include Traffic Flow and Circulation (March 1990)

Health Care

- I. Maintain Brackenridge Hospital as the Best Regional Health Care Center
- II. AIDS Education with Prevention as #1 Goal, Medical Assistance to Citizens and Monitoring (Quarterly) by Council is a Priority

Transportation

- I. Merge City and ATS Plans Into One Plan
 - A. Reconciliation of the Differences Between the City Roadway Plan and ATS in Connection with AustinPlan (July 1989)
- II. Reevaluation of Roadway Standards re: Compact City
 - A. Reduce Street Size
 - B. Evaluate Roadway Patterns to Assure Multiple Connections
- III. Capital Metro
 - A. Cooperate with Capital Metro to Build a Downtown Terminal and Market Place (November 1989)
 - B. Cooperate with Capital Metro to Convert to Natural Gas Fuels
 - C. Discuss with Capital Metro to Consider a Grid System for their Routes
 - D. Encourage Emphasis on Light Rail and Fixed Guidance Systems
- IV. Emphasis on Transportation System Management
 - A. Report by TPSD in 120 Days on TSM Status
 - B. Implement a Modular Traffic Signal Program
- V. Farmer, Ben White, 183
 - A. Aggressive ROW Acquisition for Ben White and 183

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City Government

- I. Customer Service Orientation
 - A. Set a Strong Customer Service Orientation as it Relates to the Way the City does Business (February 1989)
- II. Charter Revision
 - A. Discuss the Structure of Creating a Charter Revision Commission (May 1989)
- III. Establishing Policy and Procedure Regarding Council (April 1989)
 - A. Meetings
 - B. Streamlining
- IV. Boards and Commissions
 - A. Implement a Review as Far as a Sunset Audit of Boards and Commissions (October 1990)
 - B. Resurrect the Model resolution and Model Ordinance for Boards and Commissions (May 1989)
- V. Telecommunications Integration
 - A. Comprehensive Plan for the Resources that are Already in Place (August 1990)
- VI. Sale of Assets
 - A. COA will Continue to Review its Assets for Divestiture on a Semi-Annual Basis

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its retreat at 9:00 P.M.

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