



Austin City Council MINUTES

For SEPTEMBER 14, 1989 - 1:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

Mayor Cooke called to order the meeting of the Council, noting the presence of all Councilmembers.

U.S. MEMORIES, INC.

The Council, on Councilmember Humphrey's motion, Mayor Cooke's second, adopted a resolution approving an economic development incentive package for U.S. Memories, Inc., with a friendly amendment by Mayor Pro Tem Shipman to focus east of IH 35. (7-0 Vote)

CONVENTION CENTER ITEMS

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Urdy's second, adopted resolutions approving the following:

Approval of a resolution authorizing the acquisition through Eminent Domain proceedings of 17,664 square feet of land, more or less, currently owned by Austin Carbonic Company, Inc. for the proposed Austin Convention Center which is described as Lots 7 and 8, Block 14, Original City of Austin, and more particularly described in the resolution.

Authorization and approval of the acquisition through Eminent Domain proceedings of 17,248 square feet of land, more or less, currently owned by D & H Investment Company/Martha Ann McGrew, et al., for the proposed Austin Convention Center, which property is described as Lot 4 and a part of Lot 3, Block 15, Original City of Austin; and a portion of Lot 3, Block 15, Original City of Austin; Travis County, Texas, according to the maps or plats thereof on file in the General Land Office of the State of Texas, and more particularly described in this resolution.

Authorization and approval of the acquisition through Eminent Domain proceedings of 22,698 square feet of land, more or less, currently owned by Robert F. Davis; for the proposed Austin Convention Center, which property is described as Lot 3 and the east 27.2 feet of Lot 2, Block 10, Original City of Austin; the east 9 feet of the south 70 feet of Lot 1 and the west 41.1 feet of the south 10 feet, Original City of Austin; and part of the west 60 feet of Lot 1, and part of the west 42 feet of Lot 2, Block 10, Original City of Austin; in Travis County, Texas, according to the maps and plats on file in the General Land Office of the State of Texas, as more particularly described in the resolution.

(7-0 Vote)

MINUTES APPROVED

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember

Nofziger's second, approved minutes for regular meeting of September 7, 1989, as amended, and special meeting of September 7, 1989. (7-0 Vote)

FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 1989-90

Third Reading of Operating Budget

Councilmember Carl-Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Humphrey to approve the the Operating Budget of 1989-90, as amended on First and Second Readings, on Third Reading.

Mayor Cooke asked if there were any further amendments and the following motions were made.

(Judges, Council Car Allowance, City Clerk)

Motion With Friendly Amendment

The Council, on Councilmember Urdy's motion, Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's second, voted to use part of the money from the \$175,000 saved by not having a bond election to restore the Council's car allowance and raise the City Clerk's salary for a total of \$25,000, and increase the salaries of the Municipal Court Judges for a total of \$61,000. Mayor Cooke's friendly amendment that the compensation adjustments will not be granted until the Council has met with the Judges and the City Clerk was accepted. (7-0 Vote)

(Police Walking Beat)

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman's second, voted to use \$100,000 from upper management savings in order to fund Police walking beat overtime in The University of Texas area. (7-0 Vote)

(Oak Hill EMS Station)

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Shipman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Carl-Mitchell to fund the Oak Hill EMS substation with an advanced life support system, using money from miscellaneous reductions (TPSD). \$27,000, miscellaneous reductions (Health) \$20,000, vehicle replacements \$27,000, Council travel \$16,000, Council food \$15,000, newspaper subscriptions \$3,000 - for a total of \$108,000. (7-0 Vote)

(Parks Maintenance)

Motion - FAILED

Councilmember Barnstone made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nofziger to fund Parks maintenance with \$305,537 cut from funds for the Planning Department computer. Motion FAILED by a vote of 3-4 with Mayor Cooke, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman, Councilmembers Carl-Mitchell and Urdy voting No.

(Police Department)

Motion - TABLED

Councilmember Barnstone made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nofziger to use \$250,000 designated for the Planning Department computer for a step raise for Police officers.

Motion to Table

Councilmember Carl-Mitchell made a motion to table, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shipman, which passed on a 4-3 vote, Councilmembers Barnstone, Humphrey and Nofziger voted No.

Motion - FAILED

Councilmember Humphrey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nofziger to use \$400,000 designated for the Planning Department computer for a step raise for Police officers. Motion FAILED by a vote of 3-4 with Mayor Cooke, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman, Councilmembers Carl-Mitchell and Urdy voting No.

(Employee Pay Raise)

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Urdy's second, approved a 3½% pay raise for all City employees beginning December 17, 1989 for a total of \$372,000, funded by vehicle replacement with CIP interest revenue. (7-0 Vote)

(Firefighters)

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Shipman's motion, Mayor Cooke's second, approved a 20 year step increase, effective in April, for Firefighters, with money coming from reduction in the Firefighters pay raise by 0.5% for totals equaling \$145,000. (7-0 Vote)

(Police Department)

Motion

(Mayor Pro Tem Shipman took the chair)

The Council, on Mayor Cooke's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, approved a step grade increase for 2.5% to 5% for eight, twelve and sixteen year officers, effective May 6, 1990, with funding coming from reduction in the liability reserve fund of \$450,000 and vehicle replacement with CIP interest revenue for \$45,000, 7-0 Vote.

(Humane Society)

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Shipman's motion, Mayor Cooke's second, approved letting the Humane Society keep all revenues. (6-0 Vote, Councilmember Urdu out of the room.)

(Sr. Aide at Nueces Activity Center, Volunteer Coordinator, Community Education, Library Catalogue, Discovery Hall, Parks Maintenance, OMBA Training, Books)

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Barnstone's motion, Councilmember Humphrey's second, approved Senior Aide at Nueces Activity Center \$7,000; Volunteer Coordinator \$17,000; Community Education \$30,000; Library Catalogue \$40,000; Discovery Hall \$6,000; Parks Maintenance \$101,000; OMBA Training \$1,000; Books \$40,000; to be funded with \$202,000 from equipment replacement w/ CIP interest and computer equipment w/CIP interest revenue. (7-0 Vote)

(Corridor Council, Incubator, Environmental Conference)

(Mayor Pro Tem Shipman took the chair)

Motion with Friendly Amendment

The Council, on Mayor Cooke's motion, Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's second, approved \$25,000 for the Corridor Council, \$50,000 for the Incubator, and accepted Councilmember Humphrey's friendly amendment to fund \$30,000 for an environmental conference (Earth Day Birthday). (6-1 Vote, Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

(Social Service Funding) Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, approved Social Service Funding for fourteen months for \$175,000 to be allocated from equipment replacement w/CIP interest. (7-0 Vote)

(AMEGO)

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Nofziger's motion, Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's second, added \$6,000 for AMEGO (Intern and printing) to be funded from equipment replacement w/CIP interest. (7-0 Vote)

ROLL CALL ON THIRD READING OF BUDGET

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Humphrey's second, passed through THIRD READING of an ordinance approving the 1989-90 Operating Budget as amended on all three readings. (6-1 Vote, Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

AD VALOREM TAX RATE

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Urdy's second, passed through THIRD READING of an ordinance adopting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate. (6-1 Vote, Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Mayor Cooke's second, passed through THIRD READING of an ordinance approving property tax exemption (Historic, Disabled and Elderly). (7-0 Vote)

FEES, RATES AND CHARGES

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman's second, passed through THIRD READING of an ordinance approving fees, rates and charges. (7-0 Vote)

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, passed through THIRD READING of an ordinance approving Enterprise Funds (except Electric and Water and Wastewater, golf, cultural arts, employee benefits funds). (6-1 Vote, Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

GOLF FUND

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Shipman's motion, Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's second, passed through THIRD READING of an ordinance approving the golf fund. (7-0 Vote)

CULTURAL ARTS FUND

The Council, on Councilmember Barnstone's motion, Mayor Cooke's second, passed through THIRD READING of an ordinance approving the cultural arts fund with the exception of \$28,000 in a contingency fund

until more details are obtained for a youth program.

Friendly Amendment - NOT ACCEPTED

Mayor Cooke offered a friendly amendment to add \$5,000 to the Children's Museum. The friendly amendment was not accepted.

Roll Call

6-1 Vote, Mayor Cooke voted No.

Motion - DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND

Mayor Cooke made a motion to add \$5,000 to the Children's Museum. There was no second to the motion.

Motion

The Council on Councilmember Urdy's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, approved the Employee Benefits fund through the THIRD READING of an ordinance. (7-0 Vote)

ELECTRIC RATES

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, passed through THIRD READING of an ordinance establishing Electric Rates, Fees and charges for Fiscal Year 1990 with an effective date of November 1, 1989 and as amended on first and second readings. (6-1 Vote, Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, approved Scenario C for revenue allocation. (5-2 Vote, Mayor Cooke and Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Humphrey's second, approved adoption of the staff recommendation on all classes, except residential, for rate design and adopt the consumer advocate recommendation on rate design for residential of 2.75 cents per kilowatt hour, 0 to 500; \$3.00 customer charge and a two cent differential summer to winter. (4-3 Vote, Mayor Cooke, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman and Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, passed through THIRD READING of an ordinance establishing water and wastewater rates, fees and charges for Fiscal Year 1990 with an effective date for such fees, rates and charges of November 1, 1989. (5-2 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman and Councilmember Humphrey voted No.) (This included proposed budget & 3.5% salary increase)

Councilmember Humphrey's substitute motion for a 1% rate cut across the board FAILED by a vote of 2-5 with Mayor Cooke, Councilmembers Barnstone, Carl-Mitchell, Nofziger and Urdy voting No.)

LINE ITEM BUDGET

The Council, on Councilmember Barnstone's motion, Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's second, adopted a resolution supporting an ordinance requiring the City Manager to provide Council with a line item budget as part of the package by August 1, 1990, as required by Charter. (7-0 Vote)

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 7:00 P.M.