



## Austin City Council MINUTES

For SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - AUGUST 31, 1989 - 1:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

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

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilmember Carl-Mitchell, chairperson, Airport Subcommittee, made an affirmative announcement concerning funding for the proposed new municipal airport for Austin.

### MUNICIPAL COURT ITEMS

Municipal Court Clerk Overlin Rodriguez presented to Council his recommendations for the Court's 1989-90 proposed budget. He introduced the presiding and relief Municipal Court Judges. Presiding Judge Harriet Murphey said they are requesting a market rate adjustment to current salaries for the judges. They are asking a 15% increase to their present salaries of \$43,000.00 and cited their heavy workload and long hours as the reason for their request. Judge Murphey also pointed out that Austin's Municipal Court Judges are the lowest paid in the State of Texas. Mr. Rodriguez went over other items in the budget and illustrated by use of graphs. He concluded his remarks by asking for no reductions in the City Manager's proposed budget because to do so "would bring detriment to the justice system".

Also listed on the agenda was a discussion of Municipal Court Revenues. Mayor Pro Tem Shipman asked why there has been a decrease in revenues from citations this past year. Chief of Police Jim Everett said it was due to 30 vacancies in the Police Department this past year. The vacancies were all patrol officers. However, he said a new class of officers will graduate in November, cutting down the number of vacancies to ten.

Judge Murphey told Council that in addition to a salary increase, the Court would like to have one additional jury trial in order to catch up on the backlog of cases, an executive secretary with paralegal experience for the judges, a security door on the second floor where the judges offices are to avoid future problems with theft and the threat of irate citizens, and repairs to their non-functioning air conditioning system.

Mayor Pro Tem Shipman said she would like a team from the City Manager's office, Municipal Court and Police Department to reassess revenues of Municipal Court.

## UTILITY RATE ITEMS

Reports

Council listened to a report from Robert Floyd, chairperson, Electric Utility Commission, presenting the majority report. Shudde Fath, Electric Utility Commission member, presented the minority report.

Electric Utility Budget

The Council, on Councilmember Nofziger's motion, Councilmember Humphrey's second, directed the City Manager to prepare an Electric Utility FY 90 budget which effects a 1.2 system average rate increase based on a 3% sales projection, with friendly amendments by Councilmember Carl-Mitchell to eliminate \$300,000 for rate appeal and \$100,000 for general fund transfer. (6-1 Vote, Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman's second, directed the City Manager to use for FY 90 electric rates the cost of service methodology adopted by Council for FY 89 electric rates. (5-2 Vote, Mayor Cooke, Councilmember Barnstone voted No.)

Item Postponed

Postponed to September 11, 1989 is consideration of directing the City Manager to use for the FY 90 electric rate increase the rate structure adopted by the Council for FY 89 electric rates.

New Water and Wastewater Director Introduced

City Manager Barnett introduced to Council Mr. Randy Goss, who will be the new director of water and wastewater.

Water and Wastewater Rates

Councilmember Urdy made a motion, seconded by Mayor Cooke to direct the City Manager to develop a rate structure to implement an overall combined increase of 2.5% in the water and wastewater rates.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Humphrey offered a substitute motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shipman, to have a Zero rate increase.

Roll Call on Substitute Motion - FAILED

2-5 Vote, Councilmembers Carl-Mitchell, Nofziger, Urdy and Barnstone and Mayor Cooke, voted No.

Roll Call on Main Motion

5-2 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Shipman, Councilmember Humphrey voted No.

## CONVENTION CENTER ITEMS

Council received an update on the convention center concerning negotiation process for Project Manager Contract, outside legal counsel for contract negotiations and condemnation proceedings and negotiated vs. bid sale of convention center bonds.

Underwriting Team for Convention Center

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Barnstone's second, approved the selection of the following as the underwriting team for the Convention Center: (7-0 Vote)

Senior	- Morgan Stanley
Institutional Firms	- Dillon Reed & Company (Morgan Stanley Sr.)
Retail Firms	- Paine Webber
Minority Firms	Smith Barney, Harris Upham - Grigsby Brandford Powell

## PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 1989-90 OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Cooke announced Council would continue the public hearing on the Proposed 1989-90 Operating Budget.

Speaker's cards are on file in the City Clerk's office.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, closed the public hearing. (7-0 Vote)

## CAPITAL BUDGET

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Mayor Cooke's second, waived the requirement for three readings and finally passed an ordinance adopting and approving the Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1989 and terminating September 30, 1990, with amendments, in the amount of \$406,961,388.00. (7-0 Vote)

Councilmember Barnstone stated he generally approved of the budget but is not in favor of airport land acquisition or energy rebates as included in the CIP budget.

## ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 8:05 P.M.