



## **Austin City Council MINUTES**

**For** May 9, 1984 - 5:30 P.M.  
**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

### **City Council**

**Ron Mullen**  
Mayor

**John Treviño, Jr.**  
Mayor Pro Tem

**Council Members**  
**Mark Rose**  
**Roger Duncan**  
**Sally Shipman**  
**Mark E. Spaeth**  
**Charles E. Urdy**

**Jorge Carrasco**  
City Manager

**Elden Aldridge**  
City Clerk

### **Memorandum To:**

Mayor Mullen called to order the meeting of the Council scheduled for 5:30 P.M., noting the absence of Councilmember Spaeth. The purpose of the meeting was for a public hearing on the annexation of a portion of Lake Travis.

Council had instructed Staff to prepare the necessary information to proceed with full purpose annexation of Lake Travis to the Travis County/Burnet County line. Staff presented the Council with two maps showing the area to be annexed as well as the existing corporate limit and the existing ETJ.

Bob Roberts, a lawyer representing the Highland Lakes Rights Association, wanted to know what the additional costs of supervision of subdivision work and building of homes will be in this entire ETJ to the tax payers of Austin.

Councilmember Duncan and Mayor Mullen explained that it wouldn't cost the tax payers anything. The developers will pay the fees.

Glenn Bell, from the Budget Office, said the preliminary numbers show that over a five year period the cost would be \$1,000,000.00 which would be in fees.

Frank Bates appeared before the Council and stated that the cost would be assessed to the homeowners. Mayor Mullen told him that those people would pay the same as they do in Austin.

Sam Boyd said that it had been stated that the purpose for this annexation was to protect Lake Travis from pollution. He also said, "I find that hard to believe that your purpose is really to protect Lake Travis when you cannot protect your own backyard. You are polluting the Colorado River." Boyd thinks that the City of Austin wants to extend it's tax base and control.

Mayor Mullen stated, "The purpose is not to extend the taxation, but it is to expand control. We are solving our problem, that does not mean that because we've had problems in the past in doing that, that we should allow the same thing to happen upstream from us if we can prevent it. We are taking care of the Williamson Creek situation."

John Saunders, President of the Highland Lakes Citizens Rights Association, stated, "We don't need your power up there, we don't need your control up there; we are doing all right without you."

Councilmember Rose said, "The absence of regulation can destroy that environment out there far quicker than anyone can ever believe."

Bruce Wassinger, an attorney with LCRA, stated that the LCRA already has the authority for controlling the water quality of Lake Travis. He said that the LCRA is very concerned about the water quality.

Milton O'Dell, a resident at the lake, asked the Council, "What is your response, your reaction to the various villages incorporating out at Lake Travis? Who had the idea originally to annex the river bed of Colorado, the Colorado River bed without any intention of providing services in order to control the area up there? Can you exercise control in an ETJ where there is a limited purpose annexation?"

Mayor Mullen answered, "If the people want to incorporate it is their right. The two latest Councilmembers that proposed it I believe were Mark Rose and was it Roger Duncan? But the original idea that was proposed by a public official was myself." Councilmember Shipman answered O'Dell's last question. Her answer was no. Councilmember Shipman said, "That is why this is a full purpose strip annexation."

Bob Roberts again appeared and asked that hearings be held in the area and that the feelings of the people who live in the area be taken into account more than the two hearings here.

Mayor Mullen asked staff to find out if the land at the bottom of Lake Travis could be taxed.

Councilmember Rose stated that his interest is the protection of the lake.

#### Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Rose's motion, Mayor Mullen's second, closed the public hearing. (6-0 vote, Councilmember Spaeth was absent)

#### ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 6:40 P.M.