



Austin City Council MINUTES

For SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - 1982-88 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
PORTER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - 7:00 P.M. - JULY 12, 1982

Council Chambers, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

City Council

Carole Keeton McClellan
Mayor

John Treviño, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem

Council Members
Larry Deuser
Roger Duncan
Richard Goodman
Ron Mullen
Charles E. Urdy

Nicholas M. Meiszer
City Manager

Grace Monroe
City Clerk

Memorandum To:

Mayor McClellan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting the presence of Councilman Duncan. Councilman Deuser arrived at 7:23 p.m., while Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, and Councilmen Goodman and Mullen were absent. Mayor McClellan stated that since there was not a quorum of the Council, a work session would be held and citizens present could speak.

Frank Rodriguez, Acting Budget Director, presented an overview of the Capital Improvements Program, and enumerated the following projects proposed for south and southwest Austin:

1. North Bluff Drive Roadway Improvements
2. Nuckols Crossing Road to include a bridge over Williamson Creek to eliminate a low water crossing
3. William Cannon Drive Improvements
4. Drainage Improvements at South MoPac and Cherry Meadows and Mathews Lane
5. Barton Hills Drainage Improvements
6. A Study for the East-West Bouldin Creek
7. An EMS Service Station on Riverside Drive
8. Transit Park and Ride Lot for Southwest Austin

Jack Heffington inquired about drainage improvements at Langford Elementary School. At Mayor McClellan's request, Richard Ridings, Public Works Director, responded that he would get a priority list back to Council regarding such improvements.

Mr. Heffington asked the Council to delay completion of the Nuckols Crossing improvements and use those funds to complete the widening of North Bluff Drive.

Fern Mizell, Barton Hills PTA, urged the Council to support the proposed \$25,000 funding for renovation of Barton Hills Playground Park.

Betty Brown, president, Barton Hills-Horseshoe Bend Neighborhood Association, supported the funding for Barton Hills Playground Park. She also strongly recommended that the Council put \$26 million into the Parks & Recreation Department CIP budget.

Rebecca Eberhart showed slides of the Blunn Creek Wilderness Area prepared by Beverly Cotton. The property was also known as the Storm Tract.

An unidentified woman continued the slide presentation and asked the Council to place the Storm Tract on the September 11th ballot. She also spoke in support of Stacey Park improvements.

Mayor McClellan stated that the Storm Tract would be on next Thursday's agenda and that negotiations were continuing with the owner.

Councilman Duncan said that he welcomed any further input regarding the Storm Tract and that he thought that the owner would be willing to wait until after the results of the September 11th election.

Ann Avila, South Austin Recreation Center Advisory Board, spoke in support of the recommendations in the CIP for the Center.

Cathy Lockhart, Austin Natural Science Association, spoke in support of the Association's continuing participation in the CIP.

Gene Ray, representing the South River City Citizens and the Blunn Creek Wilderness Committee, stated that his groups fully supported the parks CIP package and wished to see it fully funded. He also urged the City to create a wilderness park on the Storm Tract.

James Rader, president, board of directors, Austin Dance Umbrella, and member, Lawyers for the Arts, spoke in support of the Public Events Facility Development Plan.

Gary Anderson, a resident of the West Creek Subdivision near Oak Hill, expressed concern about the water system in southwest Austin and requested additional funds for water system improvements to help water pressure in southwest Austin.

Charles Gouldie, chairman, South Austin Multi-Purpose Center, asked the Council to enlarge the medical clinic near the Multi-Purpose Center or build one further south, but not encroach across the creek where the Multi-Purpose Center was located and absorb some of that space.

Dr. Albert Randall stated that expansion of the clinic across the creek was just one proposal, but that other alternatives were available. Mayor McClellan asked the City Manager to look at the problem and present alternatives.

Palmer Wright spoke in support of capital recovery fees for water and wastewater connections for new construction.

Councilman Duncan said that there would be an item regarding capital recovery fees on next week's agenda. He would support action on the item before the bond election.

Councilman Deuser said that the Council was moving in the direction of subsequent user fees and that all subsequent users should be considered, including downtown users as well as suburbs.

Mayor McClellan stated that she was extremely concerned about the cost of residential living in the City.

Robert Fields, a member of the Quality Austin Bond Committee, West Creek Neighborhood Association and Task Force Against Strip Annexation of Oak Hill, read several excerpts and spoke in support of water and wastewater bonds for needed improvements, particularly in south Austin.

Melanie Melrick supported the water and wastewater bonds, but said that some voters objected to the switching of funds from one project to another after certain bonds failed to carry.

Councilman Duncan reminded her that for the August 29, 1981 bond election, the Council for the first time ever passed an ordinance requiring that the funds in the CIP program be spent only for the projects that were listed in the CIP program. He felt sure that the Council would consider a similar ordinance this time.

Mayor McClellan disagreed and said that the Council's hands should not be tied to prevent them from responding to emergency situations.

Winnie Lambert spoke in support of CIP No. 83/62-12 and distributed a handout to the Council.

Ray Henry, a resident of Western Oaks Subdivision, expressed concern over roads and water supply for his area. He asked that Project No. 83/62-28 regarding flooding and drainage be moved up in the CIP. He was in support of the CIP and asked that on the election that the ballot clearly distinguish between revenue bonds and general obligation bonds.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.