



# Austin City Council MINUTES For

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - 1982-88 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM  
REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL - 7:00 P.M. - JULY 13, 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 to order the Special Called Meeting of the Council at 7:00 p.m., noting the absence of Councilman Urdy and Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, who arrived at 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively. Councilman Goodman was not present.

Mayor McClellan stated that the six-year Capital Improvements Program totalled \$772 million, while the three-year Program amounted to \$293 million.

Frank Rodriguez, Acting Budget Director, presented an overview of the Program. The following projects in the three-year Program were for the north, north central and northeast areas of the City:

1. Bartholomew District Park Pool Renovation - \$60,000
2. Patterson Park Renovation Improvements - \$100,000
3. Balcones Park Facility Development - \$150,000
4. Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park Facility Development Improvements
5. Community Swimming Pool for the northeast area - \$400,000
6. Facility Development for Northeast District Park - \$150,000
7. North Acres Neighborhood Park Facility Development
8. North Oaks Neighborhood Park Facility Development

Dr. Wayne Silverman asked the Council to include the Nature Preserve Development Rights Acquisition project in the bond package going to the voters on September 11th.

Ernie Howard, representing the Allendale Neighborhood Association, asked the Council to include money for removal of bridges located at White Shoal Creek Boulevard, Greenlawn Parkway and Silverway Drive to help the flooding problem along Shoal Creek. He also requested that the Council reinstate the Far West, Greystone,

MoPac, Great Northern drainage bond issue and have it included in modest amounts for quick, corrective measures along with a study. The study should include the plausibility of shunting excess water into Dry Creek, probably with a closed conduit. Means should also be investigated to provide detention storage in the source areas of large storm sewers under MoPac to detain fast run-off water near its sources.

He stressed that the City immediately take corrective measures in Shoal Creek that would be effective and have minimal cost.

Richard Ridings, Public Works Director, stated that a public hearing would be necessary to consider removing the bridges. Public Works was currently working with some property owners north of U.S. 183 for detention pond construction, which should have a tremendous effect on the Shoal Creek area.

Ms. Alma Sioux Scarberry spoke in support of proposed \$50,000 funding for a new roof for the Old Bakery & Emporium.

Phillip Dobbs, representing the North University Neighborhood Association, asked the Council to consider favorably the Hemphill Park CIP project in the amount of \$7,500.

Bill Houston invited the Council to attend the dedication of a park in the Jollyville Road area which neighborhood residents had constructed. The tentative dedication was set for Wednesday, September 8th. He showed pictures of the park to the Council.

Byron Sanford, University Hills Homeowners Association, endorsed the detention ponds on Little Walnut Creek. He disagreed with money proposed for energy efficient home construction and felt that existing homes on the market should be used. He also requested sidewalks on U.S. 183 from Purple Sage to Springdale Road. Mr. Sanford expressed concern about upgrading area parks, in particular, Dottie Jordan Pool.

Joann Bartz, University Hills Homeowners Association and member, Dottie Jordan Park Advisory Board, questioned the location of a new library for the area. She asked that funds be placed in the first year CIP instead of the second year. She opposed the energy house concept and felt that the money could be put into a library. She also spoke regarding the safety of the Dottie Jordan Pool and asked that the problem be corrected.

Leonard Ehrler, Parks & Recreation Department Director, stated that the pool was overused and was a problem because the filtering system was inadequate. The pool was a private pool which had been donated to the City and was inadequately designed. A new pool with a better location would cost about \$300,000.

The Council then discussed various means of correcting the problem at the pool. Councilman Mullen felt that if the pool were unsafe, then it should be closed. City Manager Meiszer stated that if a health hazard existed, then the pool would be shut down tomorrow.

An unidentified woman spoke in support of handicapped improvements for the Knights of Columbus Building in Zilker Park which the City had purchased.

An unidentified man, who was a member of the University Hills Homeowners Association, asked the Council to put money into a new filtering system for Dottie Jordan Pool and eventually to relocate the pool.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.