



Austin City Council MINUTES

For MAY 26, 1982 -- SPECIAL CALLED MEETING -- 7:00 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING - ANNEXATION

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 7:10 p.m., noting the presence of all Councilmembers. She said the purpose of this meeting is for a public hearing on the proposed annexation of a strip of land containing approximately 212 acres along Highway 290 to its intersection with Highway 71 near Oak Hill. She said the proposal is for full purpose annexation.

Ms. Donna Kristaponis, Assistant Director of Planning, reported on the Service Plan (Attachment A) and the fiscal note. (CITY CLERK DID NOT RECEIVE COPY OF FISCAL NOTE) Ms. Kristaponis referred to maps to describe the boundaries of the area.

Tom O'Meara appeared before Council. He said he has his residence in Austin and an office in Oak Hill. Mr. O'Meara stated his opposition to the Service Plan and suggested the annexation plans be sent back to the Planning Department. He said they will favor annexation when a good plan is presented.

Bill Sherman, president, Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department, said they have better service than will be offered by the City of Austin. He suggested further study.

Luther Bernstein, owner of Hot Wheels Skating Rink, said he is building a new one on 290. He asked several questions concerning the proposal.

Chief Poole, Austin Fire Department, discussed the Fire Department's role in the annexation proposal.

Bill Sherman, Old Bee Caves Road, said the volunteer fire department has quicker response time than Austin would have.

Steve Thompson, resident of Oak Hill who is a volunteer in emergency medical service, said their response time to an emergency is 2-3 minutes.

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Sandy Hurwitz, veterinarian who lives in Oak Hill, told Council they are trying to stop growth but they cannot provide service.

Bill Schlieu told Council the only one to benefit annexation would be Austin.

A man who did not identify himself wondered about the curtailment of City water.

Mayor McClellan stated there will be another hearing in the Council Chamber on May 27 and said representatives of Austin's service departments will be at the hearing to answer questions.

Jim Osborn, owner of Heart O'Texas Motel, said some of the motel rooms will be in the City of Austin and some will be out if annexation takes place.

Allen Abby, engineer in Oak Hill, is against annexation.

Kevin Hatcher, owner of Oak Hill Hardware, said his lot will be cut in half. He is against annexation.

Richard Mattern, representing property owners, discussed zoning, stating he felt when property was annexed it should be zoned at that time to its highest and best use.

Councilmember Mullen said he does not think land annexed should come in under "AA". If a commercial enterprise is annexed it should be done so as "C".

Bob Pearman told Council Austin should provide all services or not annex.

Councilmember Goodman said no final decision will be made until all factions have been studied. He said if it is not in the best interest to annex Oak Hill, then that will not occur. Councilmember Duncan said if it is annexed, services will be provided.

Kathy Wallace, who lives in Travis Country, asked if they have any power. Mayor McClellan told her public hearings provide a valuable service. She said there are many unanswered questions in this proposal and the hearing is a learning process for the Council and the public. She said it is important to protect the City but Council also has responsibility in annexation.

Jane Hudson questioned Austin's ability to provide water and wastewater service at this time.

Joe Carrington asked for a timetable of services which will be offered.

Jerry Strange asked Austin to find out more about what they have to offer Oak Hill.

Ernestine White and Sally Wheeler spoke against annexation.

Jeffery Reed asked why the City wanted to annex this property. Councilmember Duncan replied it was not just to control growth but also the tax base and

A. Police

Patrolling, response to calls and other routine police services using present personnel and equipment will be provided within 60 days of the effective date of annexation.

B. Fire

Fire protection by the present personnel and equipment of the Fire Department, within the limitations of available water, will be provided within 60 days of the effective date of annexation. Response time for the area will be approximately 5 1/2 minutes to 10 minutes until completion of the approved fire station for the area as set forth in Section G., below, which will reduce the response time to that which is comparable to the response time for other areas of the City.

C. Solid Waste Collection

The same solid waste collection service now provided within the City will be extended to the annexed area within 60 days of the effective date of annexation.

D. Maintenance of water and wastewater facilities

Routine maintenance of existing public water and wastewater facilities will begin within 60 days of the effective date of annexation.

E. Maintenance of roads and streets

Routine maintenance of public roads and streets on the same basis as in the present City will be provided within 60 days of the effective date of annexation.

F. Maintenance of public parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, and any other Parks and Recreation Department facility or building

The same standards and policies now used in the present City will be followed in maintaining the parks and recreation program and facilities in the enlarged City.

G. Extension of Capital Improvement Projects

A fire station to provide service to the area has been approved and funded. Construction will begin within 2 1/2 years of the effective date of annexation at a location to be selected.