



Austin City Council MINUTES

For

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - OCTOBER 24, 1983 - 4:00 P.M.
CANVASSING RESULTS OF OCTOBER 22, 1983 MUNICIPAL BOND ELECTION
3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM - CITY HALL

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

Nicholas M. Meiszer
City Manager

Elden Aldridge
Acting City Clerk

Memorandum To:

Mayor Mullen called to order the Special Called Meeting of the Council, scheduled for 4:00 p.m., for the purpose of canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the October 22, 1983 Municipal Bond Election. Mayor Mullen noted the absence of Councilmember Rose.

Jeff Gunter, Judge of the Central Counting Station, presented the following summary of procedures used to tabulate the ballots cast.

The procedures used at the Central Counting Station for this election were the same as those used for the last General Election and Run-off. Most of the same personnel were used. The Presiding judge was Jeff Gunter and the Alternate Judge was Gene Applewhite.

The only major difference in procedures during this election concerned Absentee Balloting. In the previous election, substations were used. In this election, only one location was available for absentee voting. This difference caused a great decrease in the problems associated with counting the absentee ballots.

In general, the Central Counting function worked smoothly. The staff of the City of Austin Data Systems Department are to be commended for their professional and efficient handling of the ballot auditing and counting functions.

PRE-COUNTING COMPUTER PROGRAM AND EQUIPMENT TEST

A public test of the computer counting program and equipment was conducted at 6:00 p.m. The test was conducted by the presiding and alternate judges. A test set of ballots was prepared by the judge and processed by the computer equipment. Alterations were then made by the

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judge and the changed ballots were then run again by the computer equipment. The changes made to the test ballots were verified on the reports produced in the second processing. The system accurately reflected the changes made by the judge. The test data and reports were secured by the Presiding Judge during the evening.

BALLOT PROCESSING SUMMARY

The processed precincts fell into one of three categories.

1. Computer count of ballots and the Ballot and Seal Certificate (prepared by the precinct judge) count of ballots agreed. These precincts were processed with no further review. There were 80 boxes processed in this manner.

2. Computer count and the Ballot Certificate count did not agree, but the difference could be accounted for by the Presiding Judge. By reviewing the materials in the Ballot Box, the differences were accounted for in one or more ways.

a. A manual recount of the Poll List produced a count to agree with the number of ballots.

b. When mutilated or thrown-out ballots were removed from the ballot count on the Ballot and Seal Certificate it agreed with the number of ballots.

There were 12 boxes processed in this manner.

3. Computer count and the Ballot Certificate count did not agree and there was no apparent reason for the difference. When this occurred, a computer recount of the ballots was made. If the count agreed with the first count, the ballots were released for processing. A summary of these boxes follows:

ACTUAL BALLOTS VS BALLOT CERT.	NUMBER OF BOXES	NET BALLOT COUNT
-3	1	-3
-2	3	-6
-1	5	-5
0	1	0
+1	10	+10
		-4

There were 20 boxes processed in this manner.

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POST-COUNTING COMPUTER PROGRAM AND EQUIPMENT TEST

At 10:00 p.m. a post-counting test was run to insure no program changes had been made during the evening. The same pre-counting test data was run and balanced. a satisfactory test was achieved.

CITY CLERK EXIT REVIEW

At 10:30 the Presiding and Alternate Judges reviewed the day's activities with the Acting City Clerk. Election materials were given the Clerk as per election laws.

Councilmembers canvassed the votes. Councilmember Spaeth found Precincts 243, 247 and 439 to be all right. Mayor Mullen announced that Precincts 244 and 245 are all right. Councilmember Shipman found Precincts 322, 323 and 331 to be in order. Councilmember Duncan indicated Precincts 136 and 131 were in order.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Duncan's motion, Councilmember Spaeth's second, adopted a resolution verifying the results of the Special Municipal Election, City of Austin, October 22, 1983. (6-0 Vote. Councilmember Rose absent.)

PROPOSITION NO. 1

THE ISSUANCE OF \$393,000,000 REVENUE
BONDS FOR ELECTRIC, LIGHT AND POWER
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

(FAYETTE III GENERATION PLANT AND
ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES)

FOR	8 . .	13,306	41.16
AGAINST	10 . .	19,020	58.84

PROPOSITION NO. 2

THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000,000 REVENUE
BONDS FOR ELECTRIC, LIGHT AND POWER
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

(LIGNITE FUEL SUPPLY ACQUISITION AND
DEVELOPMENT FOR FAYETTE III)

FOR	16 . .	12,579	36.99
AGAINST	18 . .	19,683	61.01

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PROPOSITION NO. 4

THE ISSUANCE OF \$39,000,000 REVENUE
BONDS FOR ELECTRIC, LIGHT AND POWER
IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS
(HYDROGENERATION AT LONGHORN DAM AND
OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS)

FOR 35 . .
AGAINST 37 . .

20,917 64.99
11,266 35.01

PROPOSITION NO. 5

THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000,000 TAX SUPPORTED
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR HOSPITAL
FACILITIES
(BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL EXPANSION)

FOR 47 . .
AGAINST 49 . .

20,601 63.64
11,764 36.36

PROPOSITION NO. 6

THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,400,000 TAX SUPPORTED
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR STREET
IMPROVEMENTS
(JOLLYVILLE ROAD)

FOR 55 . .
AGAINST 57 . .

16,949 59.01
13,162 40.99

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 4:15 p.m.