



## Austin City Council

### MINUTES

For SEPTEMBER 16, 1982 -- 1:00 P.M.

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 meeting of the Council scheduled at 1:00 p.m., noting the absence of all Councilmembers. Councilmember Urdy arrived at 1:06; Councilmember Deuser at 1:09; Councilmember Duncan at 1:10; Councilmember Mullen at 1:14; Mayor Pro Tem Trevino at 1:20; and Councilmember Goodman was absent for the day. The meeting began at 1:14 when a quorum was present.

#### INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Bruce Barrett, Faith United Methodist Church.

#### CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The Council, on Councilmember Deuser's motion, Councilmember Urdy's second, adopted the following resolutions in one consent motion: (5-0 Vote, Councilmember Goodman and Mayor Pro Tem Trevino absent)

#### Contracts Approved

Approved the following contracts:

(See following pages)

## CONTRACTS APPROVED - (Continued)

- a. A.J.W. CONSTRUCTION CO. - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM -  
P.O. Box 17216 Givens Parks Drainage improvements,  
Austin, Texas Public Works Department -  
\$45,831.00 C.I.P. No. 78/86-14
- b. GAREY CONSTRUCTION CO. - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM -  
1901 Sam Bass Road Community Development District No.  
Round Rock, Texas 12 HCD Street Drainage and Sidewalk  
Improvements (Ponca and Culp),  
Public Works Department -  
\$166,017.70 C.I.P. No. 76/62-15
- c. GRANDE FORD TRUCK SALES, - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM -  
INC. Three (3) Modified Vans, Vehicle  
Interstate 10 at W.W. and Equipment Services Department -  
White Road Item 1, 3 ea. - \$138,804.00 C.I.P.  
San Antonio, Texas No. 81/9002
- d. TEMPLE, INC. - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM  
8746 Shoal Creek Blvd. 150 KVAR Capacitors, Electric  
Austin, Texas Utility Department  
(MBE) Item 1, 560 ea. - \$165,200  
C.I.P. No. 82/14-01
- e. CLOSNER EQUIPMENT CO. - Gooseneck Tilting Low Bed Semi-  
1415 W. Popular Street trailer, Vehicle & Equipment  
San Antonio, Texas Service Department  
Item ST-2, 1 ea. - \$11,813.00
- f. WATSON DISTRIBUTING CO. - Industrial Trucksters, Vehicle  
5511 Brewster Drive and Equipment Service Department  
San Antonio, Texas Item 1, 3 ea. - \$17,985.00
- g. WATSON DISTRIBUTING CO. - Electric Trucksters, Vehicle and  
5511 Brewster Drive Equipment Services Department  
San Antonio, Texas Items 1 & 1 - \$11,636.00
- h. COMMERCIAL BODY CORP. - Aerial Tower, Vehicle and Equipment  
142 Gambler Services Department  
San Antonio, Texas Item AT, 1 ea. - \$22,585.00
- i. CLOSNER EQUIPMENT CO. - Implement Trailers, Vehicle and  
1415 W. Popular Street Equipment Services Department  
San Antonio, Texas Item K-3, 5 ea. - \$41,862.00
- j. DAVID M. GRIFFITH & - Electric Utility Cost Allocation  
ASSOCIATES, LTD. Plan, Electric Utility Department  
3501 MacArthur Blvd. Six (6) Month Contract  
Irvin, Texas Not-to-exceed \$19,000

CONTRACTS APPROVED - (Continued)

k. Bid award: - Asphaltic Concrete Materials,  
 Various City Departments  
 Twelve (12) Month Supply Agreement  
 Total \$534,000

- (1) AUSTIN ROAD COMPANY  
 438 E. Anderson Ln.  
 Austin, Texas
- (2) CAPITOL AGGREGATES  
 Bolm Road  
 Austin, Texas
- (3) ROGERS MATERIALS, INC.  
 20025 IH 35  
 Buda, Texas

1. Bid award: - Water & Wastewater Material,  
 Water and Wastewater Utility  
 Department  
 Three (3) Month Supply Agreement  
 Estimated amount \$12,000

- (1) AUSTIN PIPE AND SUPPLY, CO., INC. - Items 5, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 23,  
 300 Medina 24, 25, 28 and 29  
 Austin, Texas
- (2) BIG STATE UTILITY SUPPLY, INC. - Item 14  
 9324 Circle Drive  
 Austin, Texas
- (3) ROHAN COMPANY - Items 6-11, 16, 18, 21, 22  
 508-D East St. Elmo Rd.  
 Austin, Texas
- (4) TRANS-TEX SUPPLY CO.- Items 1-4, 12, 26 and 27  
 4618 East 7th Street  
 Austin, Texas

Billboard Sign Regulation Opposed

Approved supporting Texas Municipal League's opposition to billboard sign regulation pending in Congress (Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, HR62110)

Hearing Set

Set a hearing on an appeal from W.W. Robertson, et al on the issuance of a site development permit for the development of Madrone Terrace Subdivision. (Case No. C8S-80-074) for September 23, 1982 at 2:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Appointed Robert Hernandez to the Neighborhood Revitalization Commission.

## CONSENT ORDINANCES

The Council, on Councilmember Urdy's motion, Mayor McClellan's second, waived the requirement for three readings and finally passed the following ordinances in one consent motion: (5-0 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino and Councilmember Goodman absent)

Replacement Bonds

Authorized replacement bonds to be issued in lieu of "City of Austin, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 262" numbered 591 through 595, dated June 1, 1981.

Zoning Ordinance

Amended Chapter 13-2 of the Austin City Code (Zoning Ordinance) to cover the following changes and passed on emergency basis:

SARAH B. KEMPER & TEXAS COMMERCE BANK, N.A., INDEPENDENT EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD R. & JANE EWING BARROW & JAY C. TAPP By Texas Invest- ment Management, Inc.	3501-3539 Far West Boulevard 6800-6856 Austin Center Boulevard 3401-3420 Austin Center Drive 6600-6798 Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) 3400-3448 North Hills Drive 6911-7063 Wood Hollow Drive	From Interim "A" 1st H&A to "O-1" 1st & 2nd, "LR" 1st & 2nd H&A
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CATV System

Passed through Second Reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 810514-N permitting the operation of a CATV system for personal use, not for subscribers, with a license agreement from the City.

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS INTRODUCED

Mr. Meiszer, City Manager, introduced two new members of his staff to Council and the Chamber audience: Frank Hersman, Assistant City Manager, and Laverne Morris-Parker, Administrative Assistant.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor McClellan announced Council would convene in a closed or executive session authorized by Section 2, paragraph (e) of Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes annotated to discuss South Texas Project - pending litigation; and after such closed or executive session, any final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the closed or executive session will be made in open session, should such action, decision or vote be necessary.

## RECESS

Council recessed for executive session at 1:28 p.m. and resumed their recessed meeting at 3:38 p.m.

## MAP PHARMACY PROGRAM

Dr. Randall, Director of Public Health, presented the six month status report on the MAP Pharmacy program with recommendations. Report is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Urdy's motion, Mayor McClellan's second, adopted a resolution to approve the following contract: (6-0 Vote, Councilmember Goodman absent.)

TEXAS PHARMACEUTICAL  
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH  
FOUNDATION, INC.  
1624 E. Anderson Lane  
Austin, Texas

- Continued Administration  
of the Pharmaceutical  
Dispensing Program Health  
Twelve (12) Month Contract  
Estimated total \$1,250,000.

Council had before it an ordinance to establish a \$.50 per prescription co-pay charge for Medical Assistance Program contract pharmacy prescription. They decided to consider this during budget decisions.

## LIVING CONDITIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING

Councilmember Urdy introduced to Council an item concerning local City government participation in maintenance and improving living conditions in public housing through the Austin Housing Authority.

**HOUSING - (Continued)**

Charles Niles, Austin Housing Authority, said there is a 90% occupancy level in public housing. The 726 units in East Austin were built in 1939, 1940, and 1953. They house 660 families with a total of 1,084 minors. 476 of the families have women as the head of household and the average rent paid is \$77.00 a month. Mr. Niles said there are specific need for repairs in Rosewood and Booker T. Washington.

Jim Marten, who has been maintenance director with AHA for 10½ years, said there is some funding for repairs from income but that has not raised and expenses have. There is a lack of Federal funds. \$288,700 is needed for repairs; #300,000 to Booker T. Washington and \$162,000 for Rosewood. Mr. Marten outlined what needs to be done. There are numerous roof leaks, smoke detectors need to be installed, fire extinguishers are needed, screen doors have not been replaced since the buildings were erected, and asked that they be given consideration for their programs in the future. They have also requested money from HUD.

**SELF-HELP PROGRAM**

The Council, on Councilmember Urdy's motion, Mayor McClellan's second, appointed Councilmember Mullen and Councilmember Duncan as members to the committee concerning the Travis County-Austin Family Self-Help Program. (5-0 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino out of the room, Councilmember Goodman absent.)

**TRAINING FOR BOARD & COMMISSION MEMBERS  
DISCUSSED**

Councilmember Deuser discussed with Council the idea of orientation and training for members of the City of Austin Boards and Commissions. He said he would like staff to develop a packet for the orientation of members telling them the rules and regulations.

**BUDGET APPROVAL FOR POLICE REQUESTED**

Mr. Jerry Spain appeared before Council to request better benefits for police officers. He said "Our service is the highest in the state and our salaries rank 2nd, 3rd, 4th or less." Mr. Spain said there is a mandate from the City to set high standards which the Police Department plans to meet. Other cities recruit Austin's police officers because of their good training. He spoke of the high level of stress and the danger on duty. Chief of Police Dyson said the Austin Police Association and the Police Administration functions as a team to solve problems and the increase in pension program, plus a reasonable cost of living increase in salary will improve the morale of the Police Department.

**BUDGET APPROVAL FOR FIRE FIGHTERS REQUESTED**

Mr. Danny Stamper appeared before Council to request budget approval for the Austin Fire Fighters Union members, of which he is president. He said the Austin

**FIRE FIGHTERS - (Continued)**

fire fighters provide the highest degree of service available and with the support of the Council they can reach their goals. He asked careful consideration of their cost of living increase at budget decision.

**TEMPORARY WAIVER OF CITY ORDINANCE REQUESTED**

Ms. Betty Walker and Ms. Holly Blake, both representing A.C.O.R.N. appeared before Council to request temporary waiver of a City ordinance to allow them to stay overnight at Pease Park for a demonstration during the November election. they said this will require a waiver of the ordinance which requires people to leave the park at curfew time. Mayor McClellan said the staff will study and Jonathan Davis said that according to the ordinance it is up to the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Director.

**PARADE PERMIT**

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Trevino's motion, Councilmember Duncan's second, approved the request of Ms. Amy Karen West for a parade permit for Anderson High School Student Council from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 1982 beginning north parking lot of Anderson High onto Cima Serena, left on Tallwood to Hyridge, left onto Silver, right on Emerald Hill to Steck, to south parking lot. (5-0 Vote, Councilmember Mullen was out of the room, Councilmember Goodman absent.)

**FAYETTE UNIT 3 PROJECT**

The Council, on Councilmember Urdy's motion, Mayor McClellan's second, approved the following work session and public hearing related to Fayette Unit 3 Project:

Work Session November 10, 1982 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing November 11, 1982 at 5:30 p.m.

Final decision November 18, 1982

**BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD**

Mayor McClellan placed an ordinance on the agenda to consider adding one member to Brackenridge Hospital Advisory Board. Councilmember Duncan said that if the board is expanded it should be done so by several members. Mayor McClellan said the person being considered has been a member of the Hospital Board and the medical staff would like him to remain on the board.

Councilmember Deuser took the chair.

**Motion - Died for Lack of Second**

Mayor McClellan made a motion to add one member to Brackenridge Hospital Advisory Board. There was no second to the motion.

## RECESS

Council recessed its meeting at 5:00 p.m. to relocate to the Electric Building Auditorium, 301 West Avenue, for the 5:30 p.m. public hearing on the 1982-83 Financial Plan and the 7:00 p.m. public hearing on the tax rate. Council resumed its recessed meeting at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino was absent for the recessed meeting.

## PUBLIC HEARING - 1982-83 FINANCIAL PLAN (BUDGET)

Mayor McClellan announced the purpose of the public hearing is to hear people's comments on the 1982-83 Financial Plan and at 7:00 p.m. the public hearing on the Tax Rate will be heard.

Ken Manning, Planning Commission member, discussed annexation and said growth should be dealt with in a responsible way.

Barrett Garrison, chairman, Parks and Recreation Board, asked that the revenue funds be funded fully.

Celeste Kromak, member Urban Transportation Commission, asked for retention of present level of service and fares.

John Chipwood, Parks Board, asked for no cut backs on recreation centers.

Frances McIntyre, president, League of Women Voters, asked for more funding for the public library.

Ms. Martinez, chairman, Metz Recreation Center, asked that the \$3,000 deleted from the program for after school programs be re-instated.

Marcie Gusick, advocacy group, Dobie Recreation Center, said they need a custodian so more use can be made of the center.

Charles Eskridge, member Urban Transportation Commission, asked for retention of options for Special Transit.

Martha Arbuckle, who uses special transit, said they need more money as the transit system is growing.

Steve Carrier, speaking for MIGHT, suggested the coordination with Human Services for the transporting of people.

Pat Pound opposed transit rate increases and supports Resource for Independent Living.

Julie Omer, ARCIL worker, is a financial advisor. She said the handicapped have difficulty finding enough money to meet their expenses and cannot afford higher fees.

Malcolm Graham, National Federation of the Blind, opposed fare increases for Special Transit but will support them if open returns are restored.



## HEARING - (Continued)

Judy Watford, Concerned Blind for Better Education, spoke against fare increase.

Norma Bethard, blind consumer of Special Transit, said the service is not effective enough to support a fare increase.

Bill Johnson, said he has to use cabs because route changes make it difficult for him to use Special Transit.

Brenda Carter relies on Austin Transit system but she said the schedules are not good.

A woman who did not identify herself said other cities provide better service. She asked that the fees not be raised.

Steve Conrad, local president of the Local Council of the Blind, asked that fares not be increased.

A citizen who did not identify himself said increased fares would be all right if there is better service.

Richard Frisbee asked for the reinstatement of all money for Parks and Recreation.

Allan Minter, speaking for the library, said he approves the City Manager's figures.

Helen Spear, Library Commission, said \$250,000 additional money is needed.

Judy Bray spoke in support of the Parks and Recreation program.

Dianna Dorman, representing Natural Science Guild, said full funding is needed.

Hope Stanford, president, Elizabet Ney Advisory Board, said money is needed so the museum can be used.

Della Moore, Pan American Center, asked funding for the Center be left in budget.

Lynn Dawson, Youth Coordinator for war on drugs, asked that recreation centers be left open on weekends so youth will have somewhere to go.

Brenda Rosa, Zaragosa Recreation Center, asked for funding for two more supervisors.

Rita Hanson, chairperson, Pan American Recreation Center, asked for full passage of recommended funds.

John Moore, Coordinator of Community Education, asked Council to keep their funding in tact.

Roger Baker, Austinites for Public Transportation, does not want service cut or rates raised.

HEARING - (Continued)

Betty Phillips, vice-chairperson, Historic Landmark Commission, requested \$25,000 from the hotel/motel bed tax for their use.

Dudley Mayer, bus driver, told Council bus service is not adequate for the growth of the City.

Bill Redding, bus driver, said increased service is needed.

Chris Akel, lives across from Duncan Park and said it is full of bums and winos. He asked that something be done about it.

Mayor McClellan asked for a report on Duncan Park.

John Arvey, bus driver, said this is not a time to cut bus service.

Mark Rose discussed Duncan Park and asked that something be done. He suggested allocating money for additional park rangers.

Bill Lockhart, representing the Retirement System, asked that retirement be approved at age 55 if one has 30 years service.

David Drekel, representing Pan American Golf Association of Texas, asked for lower green fees.

Francis E. Benoit, Trustee, Employment Retirement Board, wants retirement at age 55 approved if one has 30 years service. He spoke of the stress on shift workers and how one's body does not function well after 30 years.

Dacy Lopez, speaking to Pan American Golf Association, asked for lower green fees.

Charles Harker asked for additional hours for Hancock Recreation Center.

Alfredo Hernandez, president, Pan American Golf Association, said the golf fees are too high.

Lydia Scales asked reinstatement of park funds.

Sue Beckwith, Affirmative Action Committee, discussed a training program for women in non-traditional jobs and asked for a pilot program on a one year basis.

Don Bell supports the Nature & Science Center, asked for a commitment to Urban Transportation and a 9% pay raise for City employees, plus more police officers.

Jorges Zapata, president of AFSCME, discussed the package they are requesting and said it is not unreasonable. He said they want better dental care, 9% pay raise, better retirement, no lay-offs and 2nd personal holiday.

Stuart Hirsch, chief steward, AFSCME, said the City Manager budget is unfair because 12% has been lost to inflation in the past 3 years. Asked for 9% increase.

Ray Barnes asked for merit pay to be unfrozen.

HEARING - (Continued)

Aaron Taylor said employees need a 2nd personal holiday.

Regina Ellens discussed overtime pay. He does not want that policy changed.

Joe Vias said that retirement at age 55 with 30 years service should be allowed.

Val Nyvoke said the number of job classifications should be increased. She is a nurse at Brackenridge.

A man who did not identify himself asked Council to adopt the whole AFSCME package.

Marshall Beggs discussed merit pay raise and said 1% would be too low.

Frank Ramirez asked for dental insurance.

Hoban Archer said he would like to have dental insurance.

Peter Fears, AFSCME, discussed the whole package requested and said he will present Council with information in the future which will fund pay raises.

Mayor McClellan announced it was now time for the tax hearing and it can run concurrently with the budget hearing so members of the audience can speak on either issue.

Lyle Hamner discussed taxes and asked for an increased homestead exemption for the elderly.

A member of the Legal Aid Society said money is needed to work with the child snatching problem.

Bill Mayes asked for increase to \$25,000 in the homestead exemption for the elderly.

E.C. Duke, retiree, said tax exemptions should be higher for elderly.

Woodrow Sledge said he fought to take the age of retirement off the regulations and now people want to retire earlier.

Cookie Smith, Gray Panthers, discussed a higher homestead exemption.

Donald Bell discussed the tax rate and said it should be increased.

Otto Pagnini discussed a bigger tax exemption for elderly.

Jerry Bray, president, MIGHT discussed the braille project which has been successful and hopes more money can be funded for it.

No one else appeared to speak. Mayor McClellan announced the tax rate will be set on Wednesday, September 22 at 3:00 p.m.

HEARING - (Continued)

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Duncan's motion, Mayor McClellan's second, closed the public hearings on Financial Plan and Tax Rate. (5-0 Vote, Councilmember Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino absent.)

RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT

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Council adjourned its meeting at the end of Executive Session.