



Austin City Council MINUTES

For SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - DECEMBER 15, 1982 - 6:00 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 6145 OLD HWY
290 LOOP, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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, noting the presence of all Councilmembers. She announced that the purpose of the meeting is a public hearing on the annexation of approximately 3,342 acres of land in the Oak Hill area, which is known as Option 1. Mayor McClellan said, "There is also an Option 2 which is covering 2,241 acres. We will start with a brief explanation of the Service Plan and the amended Service Plan. I know the Fire Department part of that has recently been amended and before we do that we want to set the record straight on a matter that apparently the media did not have straight this afternoon and so if someone from the Oak Hill Fire Department would like to speak to that we will have the opportunity to set the record straight."

Ed Knight, Oak Hill Fire Department, stated, "About 9:20 a.m. there was a structure fire in Scenic Brook which is an area considered to be annexed by the City. We responded within just minutes with three fire trucks and approximately 15 firemen. Somewhere in the communication line the Sheriff's dispatcher called the City of Austin and dispatched a City fire truck to the scene. When the City got there the fire was completely out. The City backed their truck into the driveway of the structure that had been on fire and the media covered it as if the City extinguished the blaze and that the City had three fire trucks there. I'd like the record to be set straight with the media that the Oak Hill Volunteer Fire Department responded with three vehicles, that we put the fire out and the only thing the Austin firemen did was ask if they could assist us in any way which was mutual aid we appreciated. I just want the media and other people to know that it was not the City that did it, it was the volunteers."

Donna Kristaponts, Assistant Director of Planning, reviewed, by use of maps, the proposed annexation and the Service Plan.

Tom O'Meara, representing several interests, said they prefer Option 1.

Ted Knight wondered why Travis Country is not in the proposed annexation plan.

A man who did not identify himself spoke favorably about the Oak Hill Fire Department and said that Austin's fire service plan is not as good as their's.

Dee Thompson told Council that as a business man and a home owner he has fought annexation but he will not fight it if Austin will furnish all the services.

Josh Storm, who is not a resident of Oak Hill, discussed water in the area.

Ceretha Henry spoke in favor of planned growth and favors the expansion of William Cannon.

Windy Marshall asked Council to provide good service if they annex.

Josephine Gerald expressed concern about water service and referred to a letter from Dr. Bernstein of the Department of Health.

Jim Rosen referred to the July 6 Council Meeting and wanted to know if Council still feels the same way as they did then.

Kathy Harcort said she wants playgrounds, organized sports, swimming pools, arts and craft instruction and hike and bike trails.

Doug Carlisle believes that Oak Hill fire and EMS service is superior to that which the City would offer.

Sean Herwights said if they are annexed he wants adequate fire and police protection, clean water, garbage disposal, good transportation and everything on an equal basis with Austin.

Luther Bernstein wondered if there is any chance there can be some kind of a vote concerning annexation. If not, he would like the decision delayed until after April when there may be new Councilmembers.

Gus Leader discussed response time for ambulance.

Donnie Hurwitz asked if land will be zoned as it is being used when annexed. He said he is a small business man who wants to expand his business and wants to know how the Councilmembers feel about zoning in annexation.

Ted Miller, resident of Oak Hill, told Council they must take a realistic view and make some decisions.

John Noel, discussed the utility system proposed and recommendations made in previous reports concerning improvements.

Roy Bechtel discussed landscaping of Rob Roy addition.

C.B. Smith Jr., who moved to Oak Hill 1½ years ago, pledges his support to the Oak Hill plan.

Jack Heffington, Austin citizen, said southeast Austin has been neglected.

Dennis Simmons discussed the rapidity of response time of EMS and that the Fire Department will be first to respond to critical calls.

✓ Mayor McClellan stated the City of Austin will provide the same service to Oak Hill as they now have.

Brian Schuller discussed being in two watersheds. Mr. Schwing, Director of Water and Wastewater said they have reviewed Dr. Bernstein's letter and are reviewing the plan.

Terry Childress, Assistant City Manager, told the audience that land is set aside for a district park and discussed the Fire Department and EMS.

Mayor McClellan again discussed the service and asked the City staff to get together with people from Oak Hill to determine that they will receive as good service from Fire Department and EMS as they now have.

Richard Ridings, Director of Public Works, stated that improvements to William Cannon have been moved from 3rd year to 1st year. Councilmember Deuser assured Oak Hill residents that they will receive same treatment and services as citizens of Austin now enjoy. Councilmember Duncan said he thinks the City should provide full services or not annex and perhaps they should look at phased annexation. Councilmember Mullen also agreed there should be full services and that property should be protected through zoning. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino and Councilmember Urdy also feel that annexation should mean full services. Mayor McClellan said she prefers zoning categories in the current use if the area is annexed. She said that there are still some questions to be answered and when they are, she is ready for annexation. ✓

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 8:00 p.m.