



Austin City Council MINUTES

For **FEBRUARY 17, 1983** **-- 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 for 1:00 p.m., noting the absence of Councilmember Duncan, who arrived at 1:05 p.m.; Councilmembers Goodman and Mullen, who arrived at 1:10 p.m.; Mayor Pro Tem Treviño, who arrived at 1:10 p.m.; and Councilmember Urdy, who arrived at 1:20 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Reverend Charles Watts, Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

SISTER CITIES REPRESENTATIVE

Mayor McClellan presented an Honorary Citizen Certificate and key to the City to Ambassador Malineo Tau, from Meseru, who was in Austin as a representative of the Sister Cities Program. Ms. Tau thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

Mrs. Bertha Means discussed the Sister City Program, whose underlying goal, she said, is peace through people. Vera Givens told Council about the fund raiser to support the Queen Elisabeth II Hospital in Meseru which will be held in the Paramount Theater on Friday, February 17, 1983.

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

The Council, on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Treviño's second, adopted the following resolutions in one consent motion: (7-0 Vote)

RESOLUTIONS - (Continued)

Release of Easements

Authorized release of the following easements:

- a. A drainage easement recorded in Volume 3926, Page 1501 of the Travis County Deed Records and located in Summer Creek Subdivision. (Requested by Mr. M. William Carlton.)
- b. A portion of a 10' drainage easement on Lot 9, Block C, Village Seventeen of Anderson Mill Phase II. (Requested by Mr. Steve Bryson of Carlson, Dippel & Marx Surveying Co.)

Change Orders

Approved the following change orders:

- a. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - In the amount of \$4,060.00 and \$3,686.00 to Mitchell, Evans & Byram, Inc., for the Municipal Court Building Renovations. (.65% increase of the original contract) C.I.P. No. 81/87-01.
- b. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - In the amount of \$70,850.00 to Boulder Excavation Company, for Community Development District 6. (17.22% increase in original contract) C.I.P. No. 74/22-20.

Contracts Approved

Approved the following contracts:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. SIEMENS-ALLIS
1602 Babcock
San Antonio, Texas | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM -
Air Switches, Electric Utility
Department
Items 1 thru 9 - \$170,373.00
C.I.P. No. 82/16-03, 82/16-02,
83/16-06, 79/16-04, 79/16-03,
79/16-01, 77/16-02 & 83/16-01 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">b. MARS UTILITY AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY
1026 S. Medina
San Antonio, Texas | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM -
Butterfly Valves, Water and
Wastewater Department
Items 3 and 4 - \$5,786.34
C.I.P. No. 79/22-11 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">c. UNIFILT CORPORATION
Hemlock Square Complex #600
Zelienople, Pennsylvania | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Filter Sand, Water and Wastewater
Department
Item 1 - \$10,317.33 |

CONTRACTS APPROVED - (Continued)

- d. EAGLE SIGNAL CONTROLS
8004 Cameron Road
Austin, Texas
 - Traffic Signal Heads, Purchases and Stores Department
Item 1, 200 ea. - \$25,200.00
- e. Bid award:
 - Gasoline Rotary Push Mowers, Weed/Grass Trimmers, Edgers and Back Pack Blowers, Parks and Recreation Department - \$14,108.22
 - (1) EARL'S AIR COOLED ENGINE
6218 N. Lamar Boulevard
Austin, Texas
 - Item - 1, 30 ea. - \$7,500.00
 - (2) BUTTERY HARDWARE COMPANY, INC.
205 W. Main Street
Llano, Texas
 - Items 2, 3, and 4 - \$6,608.22
- f. QMI CORPORATION
985 Senate Drive
Centerville, Ohio
 - Color Photographic Printer, Police Department
Item 1 - \$38,734.14
- g. A & B REFLECTORIZING COMPANY
1250 E. Ontario Boulevard
Ontario, California
 - Traffic Cones, Purchases and Stores Department
Twelve (12) Month Supply Agreement
Item 1 - \$13,550.00

Wastewater Approach Mains

- a. CHARTER MEDICAL
 - Wastewater approach main to serve Battlebend Commercial Addition.
(No City Cost participation).
- (Approval contingent on Special Permit for that project.)
- b. ESPEY-HUSTON AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
 - Wastewater approach main to serve Austin Professional Building Tract.
Estimated cost \$3,180.00. (No City cost participation.)
 - c. CASTLE STONE PROPERTIES, INC.
 - Wastewater approach main to serve Castle Stone Subdivision.
Estimated cost \$14,310.00 (No City cost participation.)

Auction

Approved disposal by auction method on February 26, 1983, surplus vehicle and vehicular communications equipment.

CETA

Authorized submission of a modification of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Plan incorporating increased funding for the CETA program during FY 1983 in the amount of \$88,618 and to use \$25,899 of the additional funds in the rural service delivery contract with Williamson Burnet County Opportunities.

Paving Assessment Policy

Approved amendments to the Paving Assessment Policy.

Public Hearing Set

Set public hearing for a proposed sanitary sewer easement on the City of Austin park land (Shoal Creek Greenbelt) between San Pedro and North Lamar near 28th Street for March 17, 1983 at 3:00 p.m.

Travis County Appraisal District

Approved a letter agreement with the Travis County Appraisal District relating to the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Appraiser.

Items Postponed

During the consent motion on resolutions, Council postponed the following items:

Consider authorization and approval of selection of professional engineering photogrammetric, environmental and remote sensing study services in connection with proposed Remote Sensing Program for Environmental and Development Monitoring of Austin and immediate environs. To be on the February 24, 1983 agenda.

Consider allocating additional Community Development Block Grant funds to the Emergency Housing Repair Program operated by the Austin Area Urban League. To be brought back March 3, 1983.

CONSENT ORDINANCES

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Trevino's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, waived the requirement for three readings and finally passed the following ordinances in one consent motion: (7-0 Vote)

C.I.P.

Amended the 1982-83 Capital Improvements Program by rescheduling the Upper Shoal Creek-Greenlawn Parkway-Northland Drive Project's FY 1983-84 appropriation of \$2,900,000 to FY 1982-83.

Operating Budget Amendment

Amended the 1982-83 Operating Budget by:

- a. Transferring \$11,675.00 for Explosive Ordinance Device Operations from the Public Works Department to the Police Department.
- b. Appropriating \$17,901 to the Austin Public Library General Fund for the Austin History Center.
- c. Appropriating \$11,187 to Municipal Court, with offsetting revenue to increase by \$204,267.

Water Conservation Ordinance

Adopted a Water Conservation Ordinance and its administrative policies for times of water shortage or potential shortage.

Zoning Ordinances

Amended Chapter 13-2 of the Austin City Code (Zoning Ordinance) to cover the following changes:

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| a. FRANK T. SMITH
C14-82-181 | 1403 West 6th Street | From "B" 2nd H&A
to "O-1" 1st H&A |
| b. CAPITOL CITY
OIL COMPANY
By Tom Curtis
C14r-82-077 | 11566-11592 Research Blvd.,
also bounded by Jollyville
Road | From Interim
"AA" 1st H&A
to "GR", "O"
& "C" 1st H&A |

(PASSED AS AN EMERGENCY)

Impounding Program

Amended Chapter 11-2 of the Austin City Code by establishing a Division 2 to implement and maintain a systematic impounding program.

South Austin Growth Corridor MUD

Consented to the annexation of 28 acres of land (Spear Tract) by the South Austin Growth Corridor Municipal Utility District #1.

Livestock Association Proposal

Members of the Austin/Travis County Livestock Association presented their plans for use of Lake Long property for livestock shows.

PROPOSAL - (Continued)

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Mullen's second, directed staff to work out details and include on April 2, 1983 ballot for a vote by public whether or not to use public park land for this purpose. (7-0 Vote)

RECESS

Council recessed its meeting at 2:05 p.m. and resumed its recessed meeting at 2:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing set for 2:00 p.m. on Proposed Industrial Development financed equipment project for Hart Graphics.

Bill Hart, president of Hart Graphics, discussed the offset press which they would like to acquire. He explained the difficulty they are having with recession and hope that the acquisition of the press through Industrial Development bonds will put them one step ahead. The press is used for printing matter to be enclosed in the Sunday supplement. He said they have stiff competition from Chicago and New York and they must either get out of that type of printing or lay off crews if they do not acquire the new press. Mr. Hart said if they can get the new press they will add 17 jobs & upgrade skills and also upgrade the pay rate. He said heretofore they have not been able to recruit the type of Black employees they want and they will do all they can to recruit Blacks for their plant.

Councilmember Urdy said he is aware of the recruiting problems and will assist Hart Graphics.

Ruby Goodwin, Travis County Democratic Women's Association, told Council they can say this is a blighted area if they wish but she does not think it is blighted.

Councilmember Duncan said he will vote against the proposal.

Councilmember Dauser stated he has trouble from a philosophical standpoint in that this proposal may not affect Austin directly. He asked, "If I grant, what would I conceivably turn down." He said it is not an item produced locally and not purchased through a local vendor. The creation of new jobs would be minimal and to underwrite a \$4,000,000 press for 17 new employees is too liberal for the trust given the Council.

Mr. Scheps, Director of Finance, told Council the Industrial Development Bonds created this opportunity and said there has been abuse of the funds in some parts of the country.

Councilmember Mullen thinks that if there is a problem with the funding, it is a Federal problem and should be changed legislatively. He said he will vote for this use.

HEARING - (Continued)

Mr. Schepps told Council the only action required by them at this point is to close the public hearing. A meeting of the Industrial Development Board is scheduled at 3:00 p.m., at which time Mr. Hart's request will be voted on.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Mullen's second, closed the public hearing. (7-0 Vote)

PUBLIC HEARING - WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA TO INCLUDE
THE WOODLANDS OF TRAVIS COUNTRY

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing set for 2:00 p.m. on amending the water and wastewater service area to include the Woodlands of Travis Country.

Mr. Schwing, Director of Water and Wastewater, told Council the area under discussion is west of Travis Country on Highway 360 and Loop 1 which is MoPac south.

Fred Denning, engineer for the project, showed a map of the area.

No one else appeared to be heard.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Mullen's second, closed the public hearing and approved amending the water and wastewater service area to include the Woodlands of Travis Country. (7-0 Vote)

PUBLIC HEARING - ELIGIBLE BLIGHTED AREA

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing set for 2:15 p.m. for Silver Enterprises, Inc. to consider designation of an area as an "Eligible Blighted Area" pursuant to Art. 5190.6, V.T.C.S., The Development Corporation Act of 1979.

Ruby Goodwin, representing Travis County Democratic Women, said she does not feel the area being discussed is blighted.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino pointed out that he had some questions also, but the proposed use is for a 42,000 square foot furniture showroom and office space in the area of East 7th Street and Pleasant Valley Road. If this is not approved, then there will be 80 citizens without employment.

Councilmember Urdy explained the objective is not blighted programs, but blighted areas. The area Silver Enterprises, Inc. plan to move into is blighted and will be cleaned up.

Councilmember Deuser stated he had reviewed the request and determined that the project does meet criteria set forth.

EBA - (Continued)

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Trevino's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, closed the public hearing and authorized Silver Enterprises, Inc. designation of an area as an Eligible Blighted Area pursuant to Art. 5190.6, V.T.C.S., The Development Corporation Act of 1979. (7-0 Vote)

OAK HILL ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

Mr. Thomas J. O'Meara Jr. appeared before Council to request reconsideration of the Oak Hill Annexation Ordinance. He said he wanted to know what happened when the Service Plan for the annexation was adopted. He had what he called the "white" plan and the "yellow" plan and explained he did not think he received the correct information from Councilmember Duncan. Councilmember Duncan discussed the re-routing of the water and wastewater lines. He told Mr. O'Meara that he had asked him to go by the Planning Department and make certain both plans agree. Then, Councilmember Duncan said, he placed the item on the Council Agenda for reconsideration.

Discussion followed by Mayor McClellan; City Manager Meiszer; Mr. Schwing, Director of Water and Wastewater; Councilmembers Mullen and Goodman. It was decided to have a committee of the following: Councilmembers Mullen, Duncan and Urdy, Assistant City Manager John German, Carl Schwing, and Assistant City Attorney Jim Nias. It was agreed to post a work session for 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 23 in the 1st Floor Conference Room in the Annex to discuss the service plan. An ordinance to revise the service plan of the Oak Hill annexation area will be included on the February 24, 1983 agenda.

MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Council, on Councilmember Mullen's motion, Councilmember Deuser's second, adopted a resolution to endorse proposed legislation concerning funding of municipal retirement systems, Police Retirement Board. (6-0 Vote, Councilmember Goodman was out of the room.)

Prior to the vote, Ms. Ruby Goodwin, said in her opinion this action would bypass the Charter.

Jerry Spain, Austin Police Department, said this is an action to try to help the City of Austin and it is not the intention to force Council to bypass the Charter.

PUBLIC HEARING - VACATION OF A PORTION OF DEATONHILL

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing set for 2:45 p.m. on vacating a portion of Deatonhill and passage of ordinance. (10y-82-034)

Mr. Richard Ridings, Director of Public Works, told Council all affected departments and private utilities have reviewed this request and recommend approval subject to the upgrading of Ranch Road to a collector street with 70' of right-of-way and the adoption by the Planning Commission of a collector street plan for the undeveloped area to the west and southwest of Deatonhill to Brodie Lane. The Planning

DEATONHILL - (Continued)

Commission approved the vacation subject to staff recommendations by a vote of 9-0.

Mr. T.R. Chapman said he wants a buffer zone extended along Deatonhill Drive.

Scott Robertson, representing Nash Phillips Copus Company, said this will be done.

Ruby Goodwin, Travis County Women's Association, did not think there was enough information available and an adequate price should be paid.

Mr. Ridings said this would be a trade of a right-of-way for a right-of-way and the City would be coming out in a better situation with the trade of land value for land of equal value.

Mr. Joe Morahan, Assistant Director, Public Works, stated the land the City is receiving is more than equal in the swap.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Mullen's second, closed the public hearing, waived the requirement for three readings and finally passed an ordinance vacating a portion of Deatonhill, (10v-82-034) (7-0 Vote)

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Appointment to Sesquicentennial Committee

The Council, on Councilmember Urdy's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino's second, appointed Lewis Hicks as a member of the Sesquicentennial Committee. (7-0 Vote)

Mayor McClellan announced the following board and commission appointments are due to be made: Community Development Commission, 1; Austin Tomorrow On-Going Committee, 3; Manpower Advisory Planning Council, 1; Vending Commission, 1; Downtown Revitalization Task Force, 1; Energy Conservation Commission, 4; Renewable Energy Resources Commission, 4; Sesquicentennial Committee, 1; Affirmative Action Plan Advisory Committee, 1; MH/MR Public Responsibility Committee, 1; Private Industry Council, 1; Environmental Board, 1; Neighborhood Revitalization Commission, 1.

CONGRESS AVENUE BRICKS

Mayor McClellan introduced a discussion of possible action on combination plan for Congress Avenue bricks - selling 5,000 bricks and incorporating the remaining 36,000 bricks into a central public project. She suggested staff determine the best procedure for selling the bricks and that they be on sale for 90 days after the procedure is established.

TRAVIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Trevino's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, appointed Marc Dominus as a member of the Travis County Appraisal District Board.
(7-0 Vote)

ITEM POSTPONED

Councilmember Deuser introduced an item for details and plans for a neighborhood advisory office and asked that discussion be postponed until February 24, 1983.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Councilmembers Duncan and Mullen discussed financial disclosure requirements for boards and commissions. They requested that all sovereign boards be required to file financial disclosure and asked that this be posted for action.

SENATE BILL 423

Councilmembers Duncan and Deuser introduced an item for discussion to instruct the City of Austin's Legislative lobbyists concerning Senate Bill 423, which would revoke Home Rule Cities ability to restrict the placement of mobile-type homes.

Councilmember Duncan stated, "It just came to my attention this morning that there has been a bill filed in the Health and Human Services section sub-committee of the Legislature having to do with allowing mobile homes to be placed in residential subdivisions and that has not been the case in the past. I think that's a very serious encroachment and we need to protect our neighborhoods and protect the investments people have made in their homes. I would request that we instruct our lobbyists Longley and Maxwell to oppose not only this bill but any bill that overrides the local jurisdiction over zoning or building codes."

Council unanimously agreed to so instruct Austin's lobbyists to proceed.

PARADE PERMITS

The Council, on Councilmember Mullen's motion, Councilmember Deuser's second, approved request for a parade permit from Mr. Sam Irwin for Birraporetti's St. Patrick's Day Parade, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 1983, beginning from Barton Springs at Bouldin west one block and then back to Bouldin.
(7-0 Vote)

The Council, on Councilmember Mullen's motion, Councilmember Deuser's second, approved the request for a parade permit from E. Maurice Keathly, Jr., for PruCare of Austin on Saturday, March 12, 1983, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., beginning from Austin Center Blvd. west to Far West, north to Mesa, east on Greystone, south on Chimney Hill and south on Far West to Austin Center Blvd. (7-0 Vote)

LEASE OF CITY-OWNED LAND

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Trevino's motion, Councilmember Urdy's second, approved the option agreement for the lease of City-owned land located at East 10th Street and Waller Creek to Avante Ventures, Inc., in joint venture with the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce. (7-0 Vote)

38TH-38½ STREET CAPITAL IMPROVMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Joe D. Soto appeared before Council to discuss completion of CIP Program on 38-38½ Streets. He said he is a member of the Hancock Neighborhood Association and the plan calls for signal changes, resurfacing, widening to provide two eastbound lanes and sidewalks from Speedway to IH 35.

Mr. Ridings, Director of Public Works, said there was some misconception. He said sidewalks can be laid on the south side of the street with a change order for \$20,000. If sidewalks were put on both sides of the street there would be a conflict with trees and a retaining wall and the cost would be \$50,000 plus.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino suggested the south side sidewalk program be put in motion and City staff talk to the neighborhood regarding the north side of the street. Mr. Ridings said he will come back to Council with a change order for the south side. He pointed out that the City did not put sidewalks between Speedway and Red River because of the expense involved.

Celeste Kromak told Council that during CIP hearings she did not hear any objections to sidewalks.

PREPAID LEGAL SERVICE DISCUSSED

Mr. Bernard A. Les'Pere Jr. appeared before Council to discuss and present Prepaid Legal Services, Inc. to the City employees. Mr. Meiszer said he thought this could be recommended as a fringe benefit and will survey the employees. He feels we are at the limit now for payroll deductions.

AUSTIN POWER PLANT PROJECT

Mr. Phil Conard appeared before Council to show slides concerning his idea to paint the stacks of the Seaholm Electric Plant in the shades of primary colors: red, yellow, green, blue and violet. He said no money from the City would be needed, because the money would come from a private source. The Council thought this would be a good thing to do and Mayor McClellan directed the staff to expedite.

PAYMENT DISCUSSED

Mr. Joe Riddell appeared before Council to discuss payment to the City of Austin for the release of a 15' Public Utility Easement retained in Ordinance No. 710304-E at the vacation of the West 3rd Street Alley.

CITIZEN DID NOT APPEAR

Mr. Royal Masset, who had requested to appear before Council to discuss selection of a City Hall complex, did not appear.

ZONING HEARING

Mayor McClellan announced Council would hear the following zoning case, scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Council heard, closed the public hearing, granted and instructed the City Attorney to draw up the necessary ordinances.

C14-73 PHARO INVESTMENTS
144 By Peter K.
Gallaher

416-622 Eberhart Lane
6115-6321 South 1st

AMEND RESTRICTIVE
COVENANT
RECOMMENDED subject
to letter and special
permit to be submitted
by the applicant.

Ms. Donna Kristaponis, Assistant Director, Planning Department, told Council the property was originally zoned "GR" with a restrictive covenant denying the use of apartments. It was agreed to by the owner. There then was a request that the restrictive covenant be dropped. Initially both the neighborhood association, Planning Department and Planning Commission were opposed, however, the developer and the neighborhood association have reached an agreement. On the eight acres of property there would be 128 units, only 80 of which would be apartments. The remaining would be condominiums and "GR" commercial uses could take place on the four acres that bound South 1st. You have a letter outlining the agreement and a letter from the neighborhood association indicating their consensus. The Department and the Commission recommend it to you also.

Ronnie Frithiof, one of the owners of the property, said he was present to answer any questions Council might have.

Motion

Councilmember Duncan made a motion to approve the project and place into the record the letter concerning the five elements of compromise:

To Whom It May Concern:

In regards to the 12 acre tract located at the corner of south 1st and Eberhart Lane. Listed below is our commitment to the various neighborhood associations in the area. (1) Phase I which will be located on the back four acres of the property will consist of no more than a 48 unit condominium development. (2) Phase II will also consist of a 48 unit condominium which will be located in the center 4 acres of the property. (3) In the event that Phase I is not a successful venture, then the 4 acres proposed for Phase II will be developed as a 80 unit apartment. (4) We think Phase I will be a very successful development, in the event it is not, all concerned neighborhood associations will be called upon by us for their recommendations

ZONING - (Continued)

to the immediate problem and possible solution before Phase II is begun. (5) The final 4 acres will be located at the corner of South First and Eberhart Lane, this property will be for commercial use only.

(signed) Ronny Frithoif
Faro Enterprises
4307 South First Street
Austin, Texas 78745

Councilmember Urdy seconded the motion.

Lisa Wagner, homeowner in the area, asked Council to vote against the zoning change because she wants single family homes in the area.

(On Councilmember Duncan's motion, Councilmember Urdy's second, 6-0 Vote, Councilmember Goodman absent.)

(Councilmember Goodman had left the Council Chamber.)

SALVATION ARMY FACILITY

Mr. Richard Ridings presented the City Manager report on site selection related to Salvation Army facility. He told Council all non-park sites in the downtown area have been examined. He showed a map of the nine possible sites for the building of a new facility. They are the Pitch and Putt course whose lease expires in April of 1983; Palmer Auditorium vicinity, River Street yard which has been designated for low income housing, an area near Waller Creek, Seaholm Power plant site which is not available now, Municipal Annex property, Oak Springs area, Glen Oak area, and Rosewood and Northwestern. Mr. Ridings said they will continue to work with the Salvation Army and after more review will come back to Council.

SUNSET REVIEW OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Members of boards and commissions were present in the Council Chamber for review.

Leon J. Barish, Renewable Energy Resources Commission, stated that they recommend RERC and the Energy Conservation Commission be abolished and a new commission formed with 11 members as soon as possible. Ms. Elaine McDade, Energy Conservation Commission also recommended the two commissions be combined.

Bill Nolen, chairman, Citizen Traffic Safety Commission, said they stand for a special area of concern with safety and provide service to Austin at a low cost. They have made the public more concerned and conscious of DWI and are presently working on an ordinance concerning the parking of oversize vehicles on residential streets. Councilmember Deuser said he thought their commission could be integrated into the Urban Transportation Commission. Discussion followed.

REVIEW - (Continued)

Councilmember Mullen said the whole area of boards and commissions needs to be looked into. He said some boards do things they are not set up to do and too much staff time is requested. He requested the City Manager to have a complete review of all boards and commissions concerning their goal toward the purpose of making them more efficient. Mr. Meiszer, City Manager, said he would welcome the opportunity because he would like to see the best use made of staff time by being more effective and taking less of their time. Mayor McClellan said Council should authorize any large amount of staff time requested by a board or commission.

Clarence Niebuhr, Ethics Commission, told Council their function is to only do something when someone does something wrong. He said the Legal Department cooperates with them.

Ms. Dorothy Richter said a directive should be given concerning the proper conduct of board and commission members concerning participation in Council elections.

Councilmember Mullen requested a legal opinion. City Clerk Grace Monroe stated the Legal Department has already sent out a memo concerning what board and commission members may and may not do during an election.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Trevino's motion, Councilmember Urdy's second, approved the minutes for the regular meeting of January 27, 1983. (6-0 Vote, Councilmember Goodman absent.)

CITIZEN'S VIEWPOINT

Ms. Dorothy Richter spoke at the end of the Council Meeting concerning a landmark tree that has been damaged. She showed slides. Mr. Meiszer said a forester from Parks and Recreation Department has checked the tree and thinks it can be saved. Councilmember Duncan requested a report on how and why the damage occurred.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 6:30 p.m.