



Austin City Council MINUTES

For MAY 2, 1983 - CANVASSING RESULTS OF APRIL 30, 1983
MUNICIPAL RUNOFF ELECTION - 4:00 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 Pro Tem Trevino called to order the meeting of the Council scheduled at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the April 30, 1983 Municipal Runoff Election.

Paul Gamel, Central Counting Station Judge, said the election went very smoothly and with no major deficiencies or discrepancies that they are aware of. "There were actually 31 of the precincts that did not balance out of the 112. If you compare the computer count to the poll list they would be out of balance. The most that we had any one precinct out of balance was the absentee and it was only out of balance by six ballots. The overall number of vote counts that we had was 51 and if you add up the pluses and minuses of the overages and unders you only come out three votes off so that is pretty close. We had no staple holes in the mail in ballots and to my knowledge we had no major difficulties what-so-ever. All the ballots were counted by 10:30 and we went home at 11:00. If you wonder why the absentee ballots do not get counted quicker, there are a whole lot more of them and we spend a lot more time with them. They come in around 7:00 p.m., but I have asked the auditors to go through those very carefully and they re-make a number of them because they are bent or they have the corners torn and we try to be very, very careful with the absentee ballot box because it is so voluminous. That box was finally brought up to us around 10:00 and we ran it without any difficulty whatsoever."

Councilmembers then canvassed the votes. Councilmember Goodman said for Precinct 439 the ballot and seal certificate says 800 and the book says 351 votes. Mr. Gamel told him the form was filled in incorrectly, but it balanced.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino found Precinct 433 all right. Councilmember Goodman said 440 and 442 were all right. Councilmember Duncan found the following Precinct count to be all right: 451, 449, 448, 450/406.

Councilmember Goodman said there is a discrepancy of one ballot in 438. Mr. Gamel told him one ballot was thrown out. Councilmember Duncan found 447 to be all right. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino found a one vote discrepancy for 427 but Mr. Gamel told him that is an unexplained difference. Councilmember Duncan said 446 is all right. Councilmember Urdy found 228 O.K. Councilmember Duncan found a discrepancy in 445 and Mr. Gamel said one person signed the poll list and then did not vote. Councilmember Deuser said 424 is all right. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino found 425 to be O.K. but a discrepancy of two votes in 426. Mr. Gamel said they cannot explain the difference. Councilmember Urdy found 230 to be O.K.. Councilmember Duncan said 444 is all right. Councilmember Mullen said 231, 232, 233 and 447 are all right.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Duncan's second, adopted a resolution verifying the results of the General Municipal Run-Off Election held April 30, 1983: (6-0 Vote)

Mayor

Ron Mullen	33,677
Lowell Lebermann	30,338

Council Place No. 4

Mark Spaeth	32,295
George Humphrey	31,519

and the following named persons are hereby duly declared elected and authorized to qualify for positions as indicated for a two year term commencing May 15, 1983:

Mayor	Ron Mullen
Council Place No. 4	Mark Spaeth

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino announced Council would go into Executive Session pursuant to Article 6252-17, V.T.C.S. to discuss the following matter, contemplated litigation concerning the Texas Department of Water Resources against the City of Austin - Section 2, Paragraph e, and personnel matters, Section 2, Paragraph g, and after such closed or executive session, any action to be taken will be done in open meeting.

RECESS AND ADJOURNMENT

Council recessed for executive session and 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 5:00 p.m.