

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

February 17, 1972
10:00 A. M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Butler presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen
Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler

Absent: None

The Invocation was delivered by CHAPLAIN J. RALPH HESS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Nichols moved the Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 1972. The motion, seconded by Councilman Handcox, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman,
Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilman Dryden,

Noes: None

RECOGNITION FOR COURAGE AND HUMANITY

Mayor Butler read a Resolution recognizing eight citizens who held out a helping hand when needed, in risking their own safety to save others. Police Sgt. and Mrs. Claude Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Womack, M. Sgt. Thomas Colinshaw, Mike Gray, Alberto Soto, and Airman I.c. Keith D. Krajewski risked their personal safety to remove two small boys from a flaming car despite intense heat and danger of explosion. The Resolution provided that a page be set apart in the official records for this permanent recognition. Mayor Butler presented a Resolution signed by the Mayor and Council to each honored individual. The Resolution follows.

RECOGNITION OF SGT. ERNIE HINKLE

Mayor Pro tem Love presented Sgt. Ernie Hinkle a Resolution signed by the Mayor and City Council recognizing that he placed himself third after God and another person in entering an unknown situation and convincing a despondent man to lay aside his weapon and submit to medical care; and that he convinced another not to leap to his death from the Congress Avenue bridge; and commending Sgt. Hinkle for outstanding effort and dedication to law enforcement, and ordering a page be set aside in the permanent records to reflect this. The Resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a group of eight Austin residents demonstrated courage and determination in the face of great danger by pulling two small boys safely from the flaming wreckage of a car in which their parents were killed; and

WHEREAS, these individuals were passersby at the tragedy, and included Police Sgt. and Mrs. Claude Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Womack, M. Sgt. Thomas Colinslaw, Mike Gray, Alberto Soto, and Airman I.G. Keith D. Krajewski; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Hill, Sgt. Cowlinshaw, and Gray risked their personal safety to remove the small boys from the flaming car, despite intense heat and danger of another explosion, and all received some injury from the flames; and

WHEREAS, the valiant efforts of these good citizens were unsuccessful in saving the lives of the two adults in the car, the small children would surely have perished except for the bravery shown by these men; and

WHEREAS, Police Department Sgt. Hill was off duty, his professionalism and skills in protecting the lives of others was displayed to the credit of himself, his department, his City, and to law enforcement in general;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That these eight individuals have proven themselves to be "good neighbors" and willing to lend a helping hand when needed, without prior invitation; that three of them demonstrated personal bravery in risking their own safety to save others; that all residents of Austin take pride in their performance and honor and recognize them for their actions; and that a page be especially set apart for that purpose in the Official Minutes of the City Council and that a copy of this Resolution be presented to each of those so honored.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN this 17 day of February, 1972.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sgt. Ernie Hinkle has demonstrated high professional standards for law enforcement officers everywhere, and has distinguished himself and his department in an outstanding manner while saving another's life; and

WHEREAS, St. Hinkle, on January 25, 1972, set an example for sympathy, understanding and a high regard for another, when he entered an unknown situation, and convinced a despondent man to lay aside a weapon and submit to medical care; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Hinkle placed himself third, after God and another person, during the tense confrontation, and his actions on that day typify the highest calling and greatest opportunity for a law enforcement officer to exhibit his special skills in the protection of human life; and

WHEREAS, in his eleven years as an Austin police officer, Sgt. Hinkle has twice helped residents from tragedy; on another occasion he convinced a man not to leap to death from the Congress Avenue Bridge;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That the City Council of the City of Austin hereby honors and recognizes the outstanding effort and dedication on the part of this law enforcement officer, and that a page be especially set apart in the Official Minutes of the City Council to recognize his brave actions, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sgt. Ernie Hinkle.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seal of the City of Austin, Texas, this
17th day of February, 1972.

COMMENDATION OF CAPT. TOMMY OLSEN

Councilman Nichols read a Resolution signed by the Mayor and Council commending Capt. Tommy Olsen who was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident on January 7, 1972, noting his great contribution to his shift, department, and to law enforcement generally, and ordering the Resolution to be a part of the official records of the City. Councilman Nichols asked that this be presented to Capt. Olsen today.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Butler proclaimed February 20-26, 1972 as NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK, urging that recognition be given to the important role that engineers play in our lives. The proclamation was presented to Mr. Ralph Banks on behalf of his colleagues.

NURSES WELCOMED

Mayor Butler greeted and welcomed a group of Nurses from the University of Texas, to be graduated in May.

ANNEXATION HEARING SET

Mayor Pro tem Love moved the Council adopt a resolution setting a public hearing at 2:00 P. M., February 29, 1972, to consider annexation of the following:

10.36 acres of land out of the J. C. Tannehill League - proposed CAVALIER PARK, SECTION THREE. (requested by owner's representative)

10.20 acres of land out of the J. C. Tannehill League - proposed JOHNSTON TERRACE, SECTION EIGHT. (Requested by owner's representative)

86166 acres of unplatted land out of the J. C. Tannehill League. (initiated by City)

The motion, seconded by Councilman Nichols,, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Nichols

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Councilman Friedman

EASEMENTS RELEASED

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the release of the following easements in conjunction with the owner's plan to resubdivide:

All Public Utilities easements in Lots 1 through 17 Block E; Lots 1 through 34, Block F; Lots 10 through 21, Block G, Lots 28 through 36, Block M; and Lots 1 through 15, Block P, MESA PARK, SECTION TWO.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Captain Tommy Olsen was injured in a motor vehicle accident on January 4, 1972, receiving serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, Captain Olsen has made rapid recovery from his injuries, has been released from the hospital, and has been returned to his family for recuperation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin is proud of its many professional law enforcement officers and depends upon them to maintain a safe community; and

WHEREAS, Captain Olsen, as an 18-year veteran, makes a great contribution to his shift, his department, his City, and to law enforcement generally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That Captain Tommy Olsen be commended for his professional attention to duty; that his services are sorely missed in providing protection for the citizens of Austin, Texas; that his recovery be rapid, that he may continue his faithful and energetic service; that a page be especially set apart for that purpose in the Official Minutes of the City Council, and that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the said Captain Tommy Olsen.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS this 17th day of February, 1972

Ayes: Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love,
Councilmen Friedman, Handcox

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Councilman Lebermann

PLANTING AREAS IN SIDEWALK AREA

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution approving the request of Jim Frederick, et al, to install planting areas terraced by 2' x 12' lumber in the sidewalk area in front of their building located at 505 West 12th Street. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Love, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann,
Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler

Noes: None

TRANSFER OF RIGHTS

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution approving the transfer of rights under Crosstown Tunnel Engineering contract from A.A. Mathews, Inc., a California corporation, to A. A. Mathews, Inc., a Delaware corporation. The motion, seconded by Councilman Handcox, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann,
Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilman Dryden

Noes: None

EXECUTION OF DEED

Councilman Handcox moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of deed from the City of Austin to the State of Texas on 3.03 acres of land out of Blocks 8 and 9 of Fortview for Ben White Boulevard. (To obtain 50% participation from Highway Department for right-of-way acquisition.) The motion, seconded by Councilman Handcox, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor
Pro tem Love, Councilman Friedman

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Councilman Lebermann

EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing eminent domain proceedings for right-of-way for MoPac Boulevard on the following property:

5004 Westfield Drive

The motion, seconded by Councilman Handcox, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Friedman,
Handcox, Mayor Butler

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Councilman Lebermann

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing eminent domain proceedings for right-of-way for MoPac Boulevard on the following property:

4910 Westfield Drive

The motion, seconded by Councilman Handcox, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Councilman Lebermann

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing eminent domain proceedings for right-of-way for MoPac Boulevard on the following property:

4908 Westfield Drive

The motion, seconded by Councilman Handcox, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Councilman Lebermann

SALE OF STRUCTURES

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution approving the sale of structures in Urban Renewal Areas as follows:

University East Project, Tex. R-103:

Parcel No. 17-4 1957 Sabine St. Henry J. Johnson \$2,777.66
(Former owner)

The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Nichols, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Lebermann

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution approving the sale of structures in Urban Renewal Areas as follows:

Brackenridge Area, Tex. A-11-1⁴

Parcel No. 17-3 (a) 503 E. 16th St. Rex Rodrick \$1,800.00

The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Nichols, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Lebermann

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

LIBRARY SYSTEM PLAN

Councilman Lebermann moved the Council set a public hearing to review the Austin Public Library System Plan, for 7:30 P. M., March 9. The motion,

seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Nichols, Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler
Councilman Dryden

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

WORKABLE PROGRAM STATEMENT

The Workable Program Statement for the City of Austin - 1972/72 is to be presented Wednesday, February 23, and is to be placed as an item for consideration on the Agenda of February 24.

PAYMENT - AUSTIN TRANSIT

Councilman Dryden moved the Council authorize the payment of the December 1971 Austin Transit Corporation billing in the amount of \$13,512.18. The motion, seconded by Councilman Handcox, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilmen
Dryden, Nichols

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

PURCHASE - PARK LAND

Councilman Friedman moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of 5.77 acres for Walnut Creek Park at a cost of \$21,637.50 (in accordance with original plan). The motion, seconded by Councilman Handcox, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

Councilman Dryden moved the Council introduce and read through its first and second readings, and ordinance annexing the following:

20.28 acres of land out of the James Rogers Survey -
proposed MESA PARK, SECTION FOUR. (requested by
owner's representative)

28.63 acres of land out of the Santiago Del Valle
Grant - proposed PEPPERTREE PARK, SECTION 2, and a
portion of Teri Road. (requested by owner's representative)

19.00 acres of land out of the William Cannon League -
proposed FLOURNOYS SWEETBRIAR SECTION X. (requested by
property owner)

11.32 acres of land out of the Theodore Bissel League -
a portion of the C. T. BAKER SUBDIVISION. (Tract one
requested by owner; Tracts two and three initiated by City)

55.30 acres out of George W. Davis and John Applegait Surveys as follows:

42.97 acres of land out of George W. Davis Survey - proposed QUAIL CREEK WEST, PHASE II, SECTION 7 and unplatted land out of John Applegait Survey. (requested by owners' representatives)

12.33 acres of unplatted land out of George W. Davis Survey. (initiated by City)

32.60 acres of unplatted land including a portion of old U. S. Highway 183 out of the James M. Mitchell Survey and the James P. Wallace Survey No. 18. (initiated by City)

21.7 acres of land out of the Theodore Bissel League. (initiated by City)

The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Lebermann

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

ZONING ORDINANCES

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

FANNIE V. NEWGENT
C14-69-262

47-49 3/4 Waller
Street

From "A" Residence
District to "B" Residence
District

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 3, 4, 5, AND 6, RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, MAGNOLIA ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 47-49 3/4 WALLER STREET, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREESSEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Nichols moved the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Handcox, Dryden, Nichols, Lebermann, Friedman

Noes: None

Present but not voting: Mayor Butler

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

Mrs. Bonnie Smith
(Roy Butler)
C14-69-147

715-719 Henderson
Street

From "B" Residence Dis-
trict Second Height and
Area to "C" Commercial
District Second Height
and Area

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH 104 FEET OF LOT 1, BLOCK F, OUT OF A PART OF OUTLOT 2, DIVISION 2, RAYMOND SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 715-719 HENDERSON STREET, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Nichols moved the Council waive the rule requiring the readings, declare an emergency, and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Handcox, Dryden, Nichols, Lebermann, Friedman
Noes: None
Present but not voting: Mayor Butler
Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

Mayor Butler announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

PRINGLE REAL ESTATE
INC.
C14-69-206

3600-3680 Spicewood
Springs Road

From Interim "A" Residence
District First Height and
Area to "BB" Residence
District First Height and
Area on Lot 1 and "LR"
Local Retail District
First Height and Area on
Lot 2

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA AND CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS: (1) LOT 1, BALCONES WEST, SECTION 3, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE, INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "BB" RESIDENCE, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; AND, (2) LOT 2, BALCONES WEST, SECTION 3, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE, INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "LR" LOCAL RETAIL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; LOCALLY KNOWN AS 3600-3680 SPICEWOOD SPRINGS ROAD: ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Nichols moved the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Handcox, Dryden, Nichols, Lebermann, Friedman
Noes: None
Present but not voting: Mayor Butler
Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDED

The Council discussed an ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance No. 711228-F to remove Tract 2 from the ordinance pending the dedication of right-of-way.

Mr. Lillie, Director of Planning, reported this included 2 tracts of land requiring right-of-way. One owner provided right-of-way; the other did not (Tract 2). It is requested that Tract 2 be deleted.

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THOSE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 711228-F, ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 28, 1971, WHICH AMENDED CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 SO AS TO CHANGE THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "LR" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TRACT 2 THEREIN; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Nichols moved the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox
Noes: None
Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

REFUND CONTRACT

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN REFUND CONTRACT WITH WEST BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT, INC. AND EDWARD R. RATHGEBER, JR., INDIVIDUAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Nichols moved the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency, and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilman Nichols, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Lebermann, Handcox, Mayor Butler
Noes: Councilman Friedman
Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

REQUEST FOR POLLING PLACE

Councilman Nichols moved the Council grant the request from the Austin Independent School District to use Ullrich Water Treatment Plant as a polling place for a School Trustee election on Saturday, April 1st. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Handcox, Mayor Butler

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Councilman Friedman

Councilman Nichols moved the Council grant the request of Mr. Stuart Long, County Election Judge for Precinct 232, to use the Fire Station at 43rd and Speedway for a County Bond election, March 11th. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Handcox, Mayor Butler

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Councilman Friedman

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZED

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency for construction of Northeast Lower Walnut Creek Sanitary Sewer Line (line going to Lumberman's). The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Lebermann, Friedman

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Mayor Pro tem Love

AUSTIN TAXPAYERS CIVIC CONVENTION CENTER ASSN.

Mr. Don Abel, representing the Austin Taxpayers' Civic Convention Center Association, asked the Council to allow them to form a committee from a cross-town section to further develop suggestions on an alternate site for the downtown civic center proposal. In order to employ the professional help outside of the association, they asked that the Council grant the association \$2,500. not from the Room Tax Fund, to carry out certain studies which they would present to the Council. The voters have the opportunity to vote on two locations for this center. The study should not take over 60-75 days.

Mayor Butler announced there is a third group interested in organizing and receiving funds. This, he said, could go on indefinitely. Councilman Nichols ascertained that Mr. Abel was for the convention center, but was asking that an alternate site from the Congress Avenue site be considered.

Councilman Dryden's opinion was that this group was not an officially appointed group as was the previous Committee; and that he would not agree to fund this association; however, he would be glad to help them personally.

Councilman Nichols noted there was a time issue involved. Mr. Abel said it was thought the Civic Convention Center was going to present the first alternate

site, but they did not, and instead stressed the lower Congress site. The Convention Center Association decided that the only way to bring this to a head was to make this request, and do a thorough study and present it in a factual straight-forward manner. Austin was five years behind, and there was no question but that it needed an adequate center.

Mayor Butler stated the Council had not had a presentation on the alternate site, and suggested that the Civic Center Convention Committee make available the studies the studies they had made on this site. This would cut down duplication of efforts and considerable time. Councilman Handcox agreed. Councilman Nichols suggested that the two groups get together, as such a project as this should be a coordinated effort by all involved. Mr. Abel asked the Council to table the request for funds at this time.

Mr. Abel explained their feasibility study would include the size of such facility, and the hotel and motel rooms that are needed. This study has not been made, but one of the first things to be considered is what can be taken care of in the way of hotel-motel capacity for a big convention center. They want to make a study of what Austin really needs.

Mayor Butler summarized Mr. Abel's request, that he asked that the Council table the request for funds, and that his committee be allowed to develop further plans for a civic center to be built on the currently owned City land, the Auditorium site; and if there is no area of reconciliation then to offer both plans to the public. Mr. Abel stated they would get their facts together and would meet with the Convention Center Committee.

In answer to Councilman Dryden's inquiry, Mr. George Nalled stated he was in favor of a Convention Center across the Lake on City-owned property. His statement, he said, boiled down to a simple question of dollars and cents, and if a civic center were going to be built and save the taxpayer some money; or if a center were going to be built in downtown Austin, costing the taxpayers millions of dollars for the next 25-30 years.

Councilman Dryden urged the meeting of the groups along with Mayor Butler and Councilman Nichols.

Mayor Butler, in conclusion, stated he had proposed to set a second public hearing today, for March 16th, to hear the individual citizens, and asked that both groups be present to hear the comments of the individual citizens.

Councilman Dryden moved the Council give the Austin Taxpayers Civic Convention Center Association a reasonable amount of time to develop a plan and report back to the Council. The motion, seconded by Councilman Nichols, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler
Noes: None

Mayor Butler stated he would contact Mr. Hart and express the feeling of the Council that the two groups should get together.

TAX APPEALS

RICHARD SCHIEFFER, et al
Airport Blvd. 2.79 Acres

	Full Value By the Tax Department 1970	Full Value by the Tax Department 1971	Assessed Value by Tax Department	Value Rendered by Owner	Assessed Value Fixed By Board
Land		\$50,220	\$37,670	Not	\$37,670
Improvements		-0-	-0-	Signed	-0-
Total		\$50,220	\$37,670		\$37,670

Mr. Jack Klitgaard, Tax Assessor and Collector, stated the appraisal appeared to be a reasonable estimate of the market value. The property is appraised at approximately 41¢ - 42¢ per square foot. He cited two recent sales -- City property to the north was offered for sale which was appraised at \$1.00 a square foot. A recent sale to the south was made at \$1.25. Property to the rear is subdivided as residential and carries a front foot value of \$50.00, generating the same square foot value, 40¢ - 41¢. He stated the Department had allowed an adjustment of 10% for the drainage.

Mrs. Schieffer stated the property could not be sold and referred to a proposed sale dependent upon zoning, which was denied. The property cannot be used as residential. She pointed out the area south selling at \$1.25 stating there are 19 businesses in .5 of a mile from that property. She emphasized the impossibility of selling this residential property, and she did not believe it should be taxed as commercial. To her the property had no value. She said the value should be what it was in 1969. It is presently appraised at \$20,000 an acre, with 10% discount. Prior to reappraisal in 1970, it was \$5,000 an acre. Full land value in 1969 was \$12,600.00; now, \$50,220.00, for a little more land. She admitted the property would worth more than the \$12,000 if it were re-zoned. Now, it is a liability. The Council would take this under advisement.

LEON A. WHITNEY
3909 Rockledge Dr.

	Full Value by the Tax Department 1970	Full Value By the Tax Department 1971	Assessed Value by Tax Department	Value Rendered by Owner	Assessed Value Fixed By Board
Land	\$ 5,517	\$ 5,517	\$ 4,140	Not	\$ 4,140
Improvements	19,000	37,273	27,950	Signed	27,950
Total	\$24,517	\$42,790	\$32,090		\$32,090

Mr. Jack Klitgaard, Tax Assessor and Collector, reviewed the two properties, one a single family dwelling at 3909 Rockledge Drive, appraised in line with the present market value, the land being appraised at \$5,517 and the house at \$37,273, a substantial increase in the building value for the year 1971, due to improvement being partially completed 1-1-70. The \$19,000 represents a structure approximately 50% completed. He stated this property was appraised in line with comparable property and the unit value as established for the land is essentially the same on all lots in the immediate area -- \$60.00 a front foot. The Board of Equaliza-