

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

March 9, 1972

7:30 P. M.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS STUDENT UNION
MAIN BALL ROOM
21st and 23rd Streets at Guadalupe

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 Councilman S. H. Dryden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Nichols moved the Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 1972. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when Roll was called: Councilman Handcox

AIRPORT RENTAL RATES - POSTPONED

The Council postponed consideration of establishing rental rates for abse operators at the Municipal Airport for the period of March 1, 1972 to February 28, 1977, as follows:

Ragsdale Aviation Inc.	\$1,762.60 per month
	27.50 for each of 50 T-hanger units
	<u>\$3,137.60 per month</u>
Browning Aerial Service	\$1,454.60 per month
	27.50 for each of 20 T-hanger units
	<u>\$2,004.60 per month</u>

JOINT USE AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Love moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing a Utility

Joint Use Agreement with the Texas Highway Department involving the rerouting and raising of Electric Department facilities to clear for the highway construction in connection with Loop 360 from U.S. 290 southwest of Austin, to U. S. 183 West of Missouri Pacific Railroad. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Pro Tem Love moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing Eminent Domain proceedings for right-of-way for MoPac Boulevard on the following property:

2112 Newfield Lane

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

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

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

STANDARD CIGARETTE SERVICE
INC.
(Austin, Texas)

- Bid Invitation No. 2-0474. Twelve (12) months contract for Cigarette Concession rights through coin vending machines at the Auditorium-Coliseum - guaranteed annual amount to the City of \$600.00, plus 12 1/2% of the gross receipts.

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

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

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

FLEX-O-LITE DIVISION
G S I, INC.
(St. Louis, Missouri)

- Bid Invitation No. 2-0478. Twelve (12) month Supply Agreement for High Gloss Marking Glass Sphere, drop-on-type for pavement marking - 40,000 pounds - \$6,155.60

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

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

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

GRAYBAR ELECTRIC
COMPANY
(Austin, Texas)

- Bid Invitation No. 2-0535. 400 each 25';
400 each 30' and 20 each 45' street light
poles - \$106,288.00.

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

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

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contracts:

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| | - Bid Invitation No. 2-0524
Three Phase Pad Mounted Distribution
Transformers: |
| (1) TECHLINE, INC.
(Austin, Texas) | - 1 each 1000 KVA @ \$3,690.00 and
2 each 750 KVA @ \$3,260.00
Total \$6,529.00 |
| (2) PRIESTER-MELL
INC.
(Austin, Texas) | - 4 each 500 KVA @ \$2,500.00 -
Total \$10,000.00 |

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

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

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

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| J. HOWARD BARNETT
(Austin, Texas) | - Bid Invitation No. 2-0562. Two (2) year
contract for boat rental concession at
Barton Creek - \$360.00 per year plus 7%
gross receipts. |
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(Mr. Sheffield reported the bicycle concession was not recommended.) The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution accepting the grant award for the Economic Development Administration's Public Works Impact Project for certain park improvements. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

SALE OF HOUSES

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of houses, and accepted negative bids on houses to be demolished as follows:

Texas Wrecking	1109 Elm St.	\$1,741.00
Clarence Cullen	604 E. 13th St.	\$ 221.00

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

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

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTRACT

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing a Special Service Contract with Austin Child Guidance Center. The motion, seconded by Councilman Nichols, carried by the following vote:

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

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mayor Pro Tem Love moved the Council select Engineering Services in connection with construction of two bridge or culvert structures and associated improvements on Jones Road at Williamson Creek as Kenneth J. Cunningham. (Capital Improvements Program) (Estimated construction cost is \$100,000.00) The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE AMENDED - SPEED ZONES

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-41 AND SECTION 21-42 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 SO AS TO SET A MAXIMUM PRIMA SPEED ALONG PORTIONS OF SENIC DRIVE, BERKMAN DRIVE, HANCOCK DRIVE AND SPRINGDALE ROAD; 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: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilman Dryden
 Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

TEMPORARY SPEED ZONE SET

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION TO BE NUMBERED 21-43.1; SAID SECTION DECLARING THE MAXIMUM PRIMA FACIE SPEED ALONG PORTIONS OF NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD DURING CONSTRUCTION PERIODS; 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 Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Nichols
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

STREET PAVING

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE WORK OF IMPROVING PORTIONS OF BANISTER LAND AND SUNDRY OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS WITHIN THE LIMITS HEREBELOW DEFINED, PERFORMED BY ED PAGE, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE - FINAL PASSAGE

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 3.04 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NO. 18 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

Councilman Handcox moved the Council finally pass the annexation ordinance. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Love, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE - 1ST & 2ND READINGS

Councilman Nichols moved the Council introduce and read the first and second times an ordinance annexing the following:

12.20 acres of land out of the John Applegait Survey -
 proposed WINDSOR HILLS SECTION SIX.

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

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

RETROACTIVE PAY INCREASE

Mayor Butler introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR EMPLOYEES' PAY INCREASES TO CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS IN ORDER TO EFFECT RETROACTIVE PAY INCREASES AS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL PAY BOARD; 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 the reading of ordinances on three separate days, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox
 Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Nichols, relative to a memo received from Mr. Bill Harrison, March 6, having to do with who should be included in the retroactive pay, moved that the families of the 22 who have retired and the 12 now deceased be included in the retroactive pay. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC SERVICE CAREERS PROGRAM

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City

Manager to enter into a contract with the Department of Labor, Division of Manpower Administration, for a Public Service Careers Program through which the City of Austin will receive up to \$291,466 to train 150 persons over a twenty-one month period. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

LEASE AGREEMENT

Councilman Nichols moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing a license agreement between the City of Austin and Walter Carrington - parking lot encroachment into public utilities easement on Lot 13, Block A, Congress Park. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

SECOND READING OF THE TAXICAB ORDINANCE

Mr. Harold Rhone, Secretary of the Travis County People's Party, which passed a resolution opposing the taxicab fare rate increase. This rate increase is inflationary and discriminatory against the companies serving minority groups in East Austin. The party asked the Council to vote against this Ordinance.

Opposition was voiced by Mrs. Helena Hardcastle, also expressing a complaint against the bus company in not giving service at night, holidays, and Sundays. She alleged the 15% increase was unwarranted and posed a hardship on the people, and asked that the Council turn this request down.

Mr. Dan Tsevat, resident of Austin, used the philosophy if the Council placed no age limit on the cabs, the owners would not have to replace them so fast, and the rate increase would not be necessary.

Motion

Councilman Dryden moved that the Taxicab Ordinance be passed through its second reading. Councilman Nichols seconded the motion.

Councilman Friedman stated the rate increase as presented to the Council last week was still eight cents short of the actual charge; in that it is proposed at 88¢ per mile. As brought out tonight, Councilman Friedman stated a large segment of the citizenry would be deprived of ample transportation at a reasonable rate.

Councilman Dryden pointed out the taxicab companies had not received any rate increase in some time, and called attention to the fact the companies are working also under increased costs of operation. Mayor Butler discussed the independent taxi-owner drivers who owned and operated only one cab. They pointed out the hardships they were enduring trying to stay in business; and if they could not make a living, the past-midnight service would have to be abandoned.

Mrs. Hardcastle favored the elimination of the 2% gross receipts, but suggested a small surcharge for ill people requiring night service at 1:00 or 2:00 A. M.

A former taxicab driver stated it was hard to get drivers to work at night as they feared the crime element. He strongly applauded Mayor Butler's attack on crime, and hoped that Austin would be the safest City in the nation.

Councilman Dryden renewed his motion to pass the taxicab ordinance through its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Nichols, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Butler, Councilmen Dryden, Nichols, Mayor Pro Tem Love
Noes: Councilmen Handcox, Friedman, LeBermann

Councilman Friedman stated two cab companies, represented at the hearings, did not want a rate increase.

WOMENS' LIBERATION REQUEST

Ms. Bobby Nelson, Austin Women's Liberation, wanted to discuss the practices of Brackenridge Hospital regarding abortions, pointing to a provision in the Texas Law under which some mothers qualify under the "saving the life of the mother" provision. Brackenridge Hospital according to Ms. Nelson, had no administrative procedures applying equally and fairly to the rich and poor women alike who might qualify under this law. She pointed out the necessity for a study to determine the needs of the Hospital, availability of equipment and to develop guide lines.

She asked the Council to do the following:

1. Determine the present unwritten policy of Brackenridge Hospital as it is practicing.
2. Instruct the City Attorney to prepare guidelines for the Hospital Staff and Physicians to establish under what circumstances women under the present law would be eligible to use the facilities of Brackenridge if the physician determined she was eligible;
3. Establish guide lines in emergency cases if there were no attending physician.
4. Investigate the cost to purchase the newest equipment in this area, and to circulate the City Attorney's guidelines to all medical personnel, and place as a priority the medical treatment of women in the emergency room

Ms. Nelson stated her request was for guidelines for fair enforcement of the present law for the benefit of confused patients and physicians.

In answer to Mayor Pro Tem Love's inquiry, the City Attorney, Mr. Don Butler, stated this is a medical question, and a judgment call on the part of the physician. Councilman Friedman suggested that Ms. Nelson obtain those guidelines and meet with the City Attorney to work something out and come back to the Council.

Councilman Dryden pointed out this matter was on the Agenda of the State Medical Group and others; and when there is an understandable law and guidelines are passed down, other hospitals and staffs will be involved also - not just Brackenridge. He pointed out that the Council would not have the power to instruct the doctors in Brackenridge Hospital to do something which is still not clear.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS TOPIC

Mr. Wm. Meacham, Secretary of Austin Concerned Citizens Action Committee, presented a "skit" on the demolition of the 16 block area from 5th to 1st Streets, and from Lavaca to San Jacinto, stating they were in no way implying endorsement of a Convention Center; in fact, they opposed a Convention Center at either site, as the expenditures could be used in other ways -- Libraries, parks, hospitals, housing.

REQUEST OF THE SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S

The representative of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's was not present.

LAND DEVELOPMENT AND POLICE DEPT. CRIME PRESENTION PLAN

Mr. Mike Wallick dropped the Police Department Training Plan, not that he was unopposed to it, but because he did not have the data and detail needed to make a clear and concise presentation of his opposition.

Instead he wanted to talk about a land development on the square block between Rio Grande, Seton Avenue, 25th Street, and 26th Street, held in the name of Mr. F. H. Gable, of Dallas. The fair market value set by the Tax Department is \$242,000, minus improvements. He proposed that the City buy the land and build a farmers' market to be owned and operated cooperatively by the people through the City. He proposed an area be set aside for abuilding for those who want to sell their crafts, renting the space from the City on the basis that the City would not make a profit, but recuperate its money on the buildings through the rents. Warehouse facilities should be included in this building. He asked that the Council:

- (1) hold a public hearing within one month from this date in this part of town;
- (2) appoint a citizens committee of five to seven persons' to study the issue and report to the citizens at this public hearing, no later than one month from tonight.
- (3) that the committee be funded with \$25000 from the City to do research and prepare a comprehensive and concise report, not only on the land at Rio Grande but other locations that might be more accessible or that some form of transportation be set up for the east side.

He visioned the building on this land could be accomplished for less than \$2,500,000.00 and that the farmers in central Texas could bring their produce straight from the farm to this farmers' market, and organic vegetables and fruits could be cut by 25%. In answer to Councilman Handcox's inquiry concerning the adequacy of the tract, Mr. Wallick stated the tract was huge and could accomodate other activities besides the farmer's market.

Mayor Butler suggested that Mr. Wallick get his plans further along and bring the plans and ideas back to City Hall. He stated the Council had been looking for an area in this neighborhood for such an activity.

BOUNTY PROGRAM

Mr. Jeff Jones stated his disgust for the bounty program led him to appear before the Council. He discussed the registration of the students, their block voting, and the political impact their vote displayed.

Mr. Jones was opposed to a \$500 reward to help "bust" his brother or sister in dealing with heroine as well as marijuana. He asked that the Council create a committee comprised of three Council members, three students elected by the recently elected Student Government, and three faculty members elected at the next faculty meeting. The function of this committee would be to investigate the social, political, economical, and cultural relationship between the City Council and the University community and to release and distribute the report to the people of Austin. He noted Mayor Butler and Mayor Pro Tem Love had shown interest in improving the relationship between the Council and University community. He was interested in additional facts and research and that the findings from which be disseminated among the people.

Four basic issues were listed: (1) Students should register to vote; (2) Should vote; (3) Should block vote; and (4) That some campus groups should be funded to see that the first three objectives are achieved. He asked that the Council make the funds available to the new student government so that at next year's election time the official representatives of the student body could see that everybody in the University community is registered to vote. A minimum of \$5,000.00 would accomplish this, and the funds should be directed to the recognized representatives of the Student Government.

Councilman Handcox expressed appreciation for the students who supported him in his election. The most disturbing thing was in the area of drugs. He felt he was sympathetic not only to student needs but to the needs of the people of Austin. He would like to put his record (as show in Minutes of the Meetings) on display to prove he had been sympathetic to the students and to all people in every area.

TEXPRIG ENDORSED

Mr. Alan Weil, Texas Public Interest Research Group, described the new development in student participation in the student-funded, and student-controlled Public Interest Research Group called TexPRIG, which is being organized on campuses all across the state. Students are calling on the governing board of their college to ask as a collecting agency for voluntary \$2.00 TexPRIG contributions to be used to hire staff, an attorney, doctors, scientists, engineers, ecologists, etc., for full time work on issues of general public concern as directed by the student government board. At this college, 21,000 students have signed the petition. TexPRIG will undertake to identify and evaluate issues in public policy decisions including social planning, institutional regulation and controls and matters of individual right which effect substantial numbers of people. TexPRIG will examine alternative solutions available to bring about institutional changes necessary to further public interests. He stressed the importance of student constructive participation. In answer to Councilman Nichols, Mr. Weil stated they would be making an appearance before the University of Texas Regents. Councilman Nichols suggested that they do so before coming before this Council.

Councilman Friedman read a resolution endorsing Texas Public Interest Research Group. "Whereas students on 27 Texas campuses representing over 195,000 Texas college students, are actively involved in organizing a TexPRIG Campus Chapter; and Whereas 21,000 students at the University of Texas at Austin have already

signed petitions calling for the establishment of TexPRIG is a way for Texas College students to express their concern about public interest issues constructively and through the Democratic Process; BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Austin here assembled heartily endorse the efforts of these students to organize the Texas Public Interest Group and furthermore encourage the University of Texas Board of Regents to help in the establishment of TexPRIG."

Councilman Friedman moved the adoption of this resolution and Councilman Handcox seconded the motion.

Discussion followed between the Council members, and various members expressed a feeling that since the Council have carefully avoided resolutions having to do with endorsing other organizations; and in this case recommending something to the University Board of Regents, that the Council should not adopt such a resolution.

Councilman Lebermann encouraged student participation in governmental affairs, and constructive participation; however, he had the same reservation expressed by Mayor Butler concerning instructing and encouraging the Board of Regents to do something on the University, and he was at conflict with that one phrase; otherwise, he was enthusiastic about the program. Mayor Butler noted the Council was asked to endorse an organization which was unknown to them except the two gentlemen, Mr. Weil and Mr. Siff, who were representing the program.

Councilman Nichols' motion that the resolution be tabled failed to receive a second.

Substitute Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Love moved the adoption of the Resolution as presented, deleting the following language from the last paragraph: "And furthermore encourage the University of Texas Board of Regents to help in the establishment of TexPRIG." The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox, Dryden
Noes: Mayor Butler, Councilman Dryden

ROUND-UP COMMITTEE

The Item of the appearance of Mr. Bill Ross, representing the University of Texas Round-Up Committee, requesting the closing of one lane of traffic from Mr. Bonnell Road to 35th Street to 38th Street to Guadalupe, on April 16th, for a torch run was handled previously.

ECOLOGY ACTION

Mr. George Wyche, Ecology Action, thanked the Council on its utility publication as to recycling. He explained their project as a non-profit organization chartered by the State. Previously no help from any governmental agency had been requested; however, with increased citizen participation, the volume of the tin cans had increased. Transportation costs are holding back this program. He asked that the City assist in collecting the cans from the recycling centers. At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Love, City Manager Andrews reported the problems of recycling as one which results in a loss; and in time, it will be necessary to face the issue on a subsidy on the activity by those who generate it. The whole problem must be studied to find economic means for compensation. At the moment recycling garbage into a usable product results in a loss of \$4.00 to \$.00 a ton.

Mr. Wyche asked the City assume the transportation of cans using one nine ton truck and one crew once a week from each of the four recycling centers, taking two and a half hours. (About 30 - 45 barrels at one given site). The City Manager recommended that an analysis be made by the Sanitation Department to see what the exact cost factors are for a 30 day period, appraise it and report back to the Council.

Councilman Nichols moved the Council vote that the City work this out on a 30 day basis; (with a two man crew for roughly two or three hours once a week) and at the end of the 30 day period have a reappraisal to see if this is in the public interest. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Butler complimented Mr. Wyche and his group in these endeavors.

REQUEST TO ROPE OFF SIDE STREETS

Mr. Sri Galin, representing Hare Krishna Movement, said they had programs in the University area, down town, and other locations where they in God Conscientiousness in many ways. These feasts and festivals are for all people from all sections of society, for the purposes of developing the finer sentiments of life within a person. They want to help curb the drug problem also. Not only were they asking to rope off the streets in certain areas, they wanted to go from door to door in the neighborhood and petition the people to come to the feasts and festivals. Their request at this time was the 23rd Street off Guadalupe on a Saturday or a set night.

Councilman Nichols explained this permission would have to be done on an individual basis, following the procedures had followed -- to make a written request to the Council for a particular street at a particular hour. There will be no charge. He was referred to the City Manager for assistance in making this request.

NEW AMERICAN MOVEMENT

Mr. Michael Eakin, representative of New American Movement, stated there seems to be a lack of funds, and made a listing of certain situations: increased rates at the Hospital; in 1969 the Federal Government declared 10,600 homes substandard; welfare benefits in Texas are lowest in the Country; mass transit is poor. He said there is in the making a convention center with a \$56,000,000 or a \$14,000,000 price tag. He listed a proposed distribution of the money should the \$56,000,000 convention center be built -- hotel restaurants, non-hotel restaurants, night clubs, transportation, and retail stores. He claimed the people would be subsidizing a \$56,000,000 support to the real estate and business interests in Austin, and low paid night club and waiter jobs might have a trickling of the benefits. Property taxes would increase also. Besides financial considerations, he pointed out the item of ecology. He saw no benefits to the City generated by a convention center. He asked that the Council enumerate reasons why they are opposed or are for the convention center. He submitted a list of groups he had contacted, who were against the convention center as follows:

The Radical Media Project, UT Young Democrats, TexPRIG, New American Movement, Farenthold for Governor, Radical Alliance,

UT Gasoline Co-op, Intercollege Co-op, Direct Action, Austin Gay Liberation, Austin Women's Liberation, Armadillo Party Coalition for Active Student Government, and Ecology Action.

REQUEST FROM CITY MANAGER

The City Manager, Mr. Andrews, stated during this 60-90 day period he would ask the acquiescence of the Council to allow him to place additional administrative duties on the Deputy City Manager, Mr. Dan Davidson, leaving him free to concentrate on the transit system, emergency medical service, Capital Improvements Program, bond sales, and major components which should be pushed rapidly during the next 60-90 days.

Mayor Butler announced the Council acquiesced in this request, in that Mr. Andrews would still be City Manager, and would have ultimate authority and that Mr. Davidson, Deputy City Manager, would be in charge of the day-to-day operations.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AUSTIN LIBRARY SYSTEM PLAN

The Council held a public hearing on the Austin Library System Plan at 7:30 P.M., in the University of Texas Student Union Main Ballroom.

Ms. Ann Bowden, Assistant Librarian, presented the plan and gave a resume of the activities of the Library at pointing out the increased population of Austin, the 100% increase in library book circulation and the future needs. Ms. Bowden explained the cooperation between the University and the City Library.

Mr. Dick Lillie, Planning Director, outlined the specific recommendations of the Planning Department and the Austin Library System Plan. Mr. Lillie outlined the five main elements -- the Central Library, administrative headquarters and coordinators; a Regional Branch, for mobile units to provide adult and youth Neighborhood Service "programs"; a Local Branch System for general reference materials and service as an immediate alternative to neighborhood libraries, for adult non-fiction demands, and provides youth oriented neighborhood service programs.

The plan consists of a neighborhood Local Branch to provide adult fiction and youth oriented materials and programs with minimal reference materials. Finally the plan calls for Book Mobiles for service to fringe areas and new developments to augment book stations at hospitals and retirement homes. This plan provides a full range of services within a regional distance relative to the user.

The recommendations are: Austin needs a new Main Library. It is recommended that a feasibility study be made to determine its location and scope relative to Austin's needs, in full recognition of the socio-economic trends. The recommendation includes two new regional branches - one at Stassney Lane and Manchaca, South Austin; one at Peyton Gin Road and North Lamar.

Included are three local branches in addition to Howson, Oak Springs, and Windsor Village branches. Two additional branches are Twin Oaks Branch expansion to a Local Branch in South Austin; and Allandale to be upgraded to a Local Branch in North Austin. A new Local Branch would be constructed at Far West Boulevard at Balcones Drive in North West Hills.

Three additional neighborhood branch libraries include the Hancock Shopping Center Neighborhood Branch on IH 35 and Hancock Center; Brykerwood Center Branch, and the South Lamar Plaza Branch.

Mr. Lillie projected the needs from 1977 to 1982, dealing with locations of new facilities only; and listed the proposed development scheduled for 1972-1977. Ms. Bowden stated their request for 1972-1977 would be \$6,105,000. Of that is requested \$10,000 for a feasibility study, \$415,000 to construct the Staasney Lane Library; \$250,000 for the North West Hills Library; \$1,500,000 to acquire a Central Library site; and \$430,000 for Peyton Gin Library; \$3,500,000 to construct a Central Library -- or \$5,000,000 for improvements and \$1,000,000 for Regional Branches.

Mayor Pro Tem Love asked for City Manager Andrews to comment. Mr. Andrews stated this had been analyzed and he recommended that this be taken into consideration with the other general obligation projects and a priority set as to the time these could be constructed. He recommended that the Council take this under consideration as the Council will be in a five year Capital Improvement Program to be detailed year by year. People from the audience spoke in favor of the Library expansion program, particularly those making special presentations uring the approval of the recommendation: Messrs. Fred Sackett, John Douglas, Mrs. Marie Gibson, Mrs. Ashworth, and Mrs. Helen Spears, Friends of the Library, and others.

Two seventh grade students asked that the Council proceed with the Library expansion.

Councilman Dryden moved the Council accept this Austin Library System Plan, dated November 11, 1971, and that the Council further consider at the proper date the placing on a blalot, when there is a bond issue of so many dollars (or whatever is possible) to implement the beginning of this plan. The motion, seconded by Councilman Handcox, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilman Lebermann, Friedman, Handcox, Mayor Butler, Councilman Dryden
Noes: None

LAKWOOD RESIDENTS PRESENTATION ON BULL CREEK SEWER AND LIFT STATION

The citizens of Lakewood area on Bull Creek, represented by Mr. Elbert Hooper, asked htat certain alterations be made in the plans for laying the Bull Creek sewer and in building the two lift stations in that watershed. They were concerned about the possibility of overflow in the lift station, a breakdown of electricity, and wished that a telemetering system be installed; that water tight pipe be used where the sewer would cross Bull Creek or is adjacent to the banks of Bull Creek; that the banks be sodded to prevent siltation, and that the number of connections to the lift station be limited so that maximum flow during wet weather will not exceed 500 gallons per minute. They were very concerned about the p-llution of Bull Creek, and about any digging on the banks of the natural rock formations, which once destroyed could not be replaced.

Councilman Nichols pointed out that the Lakewood area residents were presently contributing to pollution of Bull Creek in that their septic tanks were probably discharging more than 3,000 gallons into that water shed. Mr. Hooper acknowledged that fact, saying, however, this was not raw sewage as it had received some degree of treatment, and that as soon as the sewer was provided, the residents would tie onto it.

There was further discussion, and Councilman Lebermann noted that the Office of Environmental Resource Management would begin with Mr. Henry assuming active

duty on April 17, 1972. He said this office would disseminate information and give input to the City before the construction of projects, so that it might not be necessary in the future to have an area resident organization. Mr. Lynn Andrews, City Manager, noted that the lift stations were to be abandoned whenever the gravity flow line is put in. Mr. Hooper understood they could be taken out and used elsewhere.

After some discussion of the various changes requested by the Lakewood residents, Mr. Don Berman of the Sierra Club spoke. He asked for a vote at this day's meeting. He said separate electrical circuits would be a reliable solution to the problem of having the pumps go out in a power failure, as would the use of standby generators. He also pointed out that a telemetering system would notify operators at the sewer plant of any changes in operation at the lift station. He noted that the Lakewood area was without electrical power for 45 minutes last year, and with 500 gallons of raw sewage a minute, that would be an awful lot of sewage. He said there was no excuse to build lift stations which were in violation of Federal regulation, industry standards, and safe health standards. Mayor Butler asked Mr. Curtis Johnson, Director of Water and Wastewater, if the lift station was in violation. Mr. Johnson stated that with the removal of the overflow the lift station would be within regulations.

At this point, Mayor Pro Tem Love asked Mr. Hooper if Mr. Berman spoke for the Lakewood residents group as well as for the Sierra Club. Mr. Hooper replied in the affirmative, and several of the residents said this was so. Mr. Charles Bounds then suggested that a small pipeline run under the road as an alternative means of handling the sewage.

Motion

Councilman Dryden moved to instruct the City Administration to raise the outflow pipe from 611 to 614 at the lift station; and that water tight pipe be used where the sewer line is under Bull Creek or adjacent to the bank of Bull Creek, or any perennial street; with separate electrical circuits at the lift station; and for the City Administration to explore alternatives to the construction of a major sewer main in the Bull Creek area. Councilman Nichols raised an objection stating that this much water tight pipe would be too expensive. Mayor Butler suggested the installation of water tight pipe where the sewer line is under Bull Creek. Councilman Lebermann amended the motion to add the telemetry installation, and seconded the motion.

Substitute Motion

Councilman Handcox offered a substitute motion that action be delayed for one week, so that Mr. Curtis Johnson can have the opportunity to review the facts for the Council. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Love, carried by the following vote:

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

It was decided that Mr. Johnson, and Mr. R. L. Hancock, Director of the Electrical Department, make a report to the Council at the next Wednesday study session.

REQUEST OF COMPREHENSIVE CIVIL RIGHTS ORDINANCE

Mr. Edward Frazier spoke for a large segment of the City, which he claimed was homosexual stating they live in fear and are afraid of losing their jobs and losing respect of the community. The attitude of the respected citizens support that repression. He stated they were not criminals, nor were they mentally ill, and they did not want to be treated as lower class citizens. They, as a group, suffer prejudice and discrimination. They face insurance cancellation and job losses. He asked that this prejudice be erased. He had an ordinance prepared to end discrimination and prejudice, and they requested that the Council consider an ordinance to alleviate these conditions.

He stated that the group was scheduled to appear before the Human Relations Commission on March 27th for a hearing; and after the Human Relations Commission makes a ruling, he asked that the Council pass an ordinance to eliminate discrimination as far as housing, job opportunities, etc., are concerned.

TAX APPEAL

THEODORE W. BERENSEN
By Mr. Thomas Gee

Councilman Nichols moved the Council uphold the value set by the Board of Equalization as follows:

ASSESSED VALUE

Parcel Number 2-2414-0218
Capital Plaza, Lot A,
Capital Plaza Subdivision

Land	\$1,562,730
Improvements	<u>2,153,340</u>
Total	\$3,716,070

ASSESSED VALUE

Parcel Number 2-2414-0221
Capital Plaza, Lot C
Capital Plaza Subdivision

Land	\$22,780
Improvements	<u>0</u>
Total	\$22,780

ASSESSED VALUE

Parcel Number 2-2414-0218
Capital Plaza, Lot A
Capital Plaza Subdivision

Land	\$1,562,730
Improvements	<u>2,175,710</u>
Total	\$3,738,440

The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Love, carried by the following vote:

(THEODORE W. BERENSEN, TAX APPEAL, Continued)

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Council adjourned at 12:30 A. M.

APPROVED: Ray Butler
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk