

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting
1:00 P.M.
February 27, 1975
Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Butler presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann, Mayor Butler,
Mayor Pro Tem Dryden
Absent: Councilman Binder

The Invocation was delivered by CHAPLAIN ARTHUR ANDERSON.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Butler read and then presented a proclamation to Mr. Joe LaFico proclaiming the month of March, 1975, as "Red Cross Home Safety Month" and called on all residents to join in this recognition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council approve the Minutes for February 20, 1975. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman,
Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

HEARING ON STREET VACATION

Mayor Butler opened the public hearing scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on the proposed vacation of a street. Mayor Butler brought up the following ordinance for its first reading:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF HOLMES DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING AN EASEMENT IN THE CITY FOR DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time, and Mayor Pro Tem Dryden moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann,
Mayor Butler
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been passed through its first reading only.

RELEASE OF EASEMENT

Councilman Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing release of the following easement:

The Electric Utility Easement ten (10.00) feet in width that was granted to the City of Austin by instrument of July, 1964, under File No. LE 209-64 of the records of the Electric Utility Department and which presently covers a portion of the interior of Lot A in TOWN LAKE SQUARE, a 1967 subdivision, said Lot A being at 600 East Riverside Drive (Steak Island). (Requested by Garwald Associates, owner and lessor of Lot A.)

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann,
Mayor Butler
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

EXECUTION OF JOINT TRANSMISSION AGREEMENT

Councilman Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the "1975 Joint Transmission Agreement between the Lower Colorado River Authority and the City of Austin." The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor
Pro Tem Dryden
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

BRUCE LUCKIE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY 6735 Highway 290 East Austin, Texas	- Drainage Improvements in Rundberg Lane from Mountain Quail Road to Hunters Trace - C.I.P. Project No. 7040 2 - \$10,844.24
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The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden,
Councilman Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

NELSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY 3222 East 5th Street Austin, Texas	- Construction of "Tennis Center Facility," C.I.P. Project No. 8648 0 - \$260,690.00
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The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden,
Councilman Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES

Mayor Pro Tem Dryden moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing demolition of structures as follows:

Accept negative bids - to be demolished only:

1. 35 Chicon Street	August Heyer	\$ 50.00
2. 1903 Bergman Street	Clarence Cullen Co.	\$159.00
3. 1904 Bergman Street	Louis Ramirez	75.00

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

Ayes: Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman,
Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

LEGAL DISPOSITION OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council accept the recommendations from the Building Standards Commission that the Law Department take proper legal disposition of the following substandard structures which have not been repaired or demolished within the required time:

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| 1. 3205 Kings Lane | Henry Renfert, Jr. |
| 2. 1709 (Front) Haskell Street | Joe Flores |
| 3. 7301 Carver Avenue | Ethel H. Reed |
| 4. 204 West Mary Street | Willard C. Finkelstein |
| 5. 1904(B) New York Avenue | Mrs. Tracey E. Lewis and
Mrs. Marion Hawkins Miller |
| 6. 1110 Omega Avenue | Capitol City Builders, Inc. |
| 7. 702 Oakland Street | David Glen Cooke, Sr. |

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann,
Mayor Butler
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a License Agreement with the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company for the purpose of installing a 42-inch water main beneath said railroad's right of way at a point 409 feet north of Mile Post 173 in Austin. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann,
Mayor Butler
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

HEARING SET TO PERMIT INSTALLATION OF WASTEWATER MAIN

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council set a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on April 3, 1975, to permit the installation of a wastewater main across 126 feet of Zilker Park to serve an adjacent subdivision. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro
Tem Dryden
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

HEARING SET ON APPEAL OF SPECIAL PERMIT

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council set a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on April 17, 1975, on an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision granting Carl W. Burnette, Trustee, a special permit to build 61 apartments next door to the Highland Park Elementary School, by Ralph G. Helyer, et al, President of Highland Park West Property Owners Association. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro
Tem Dryden
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

RESOLUTION CONCERNING BONDS

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the final approval as to bond prices, interest rates, and redemption premiums on \$1,930,000.00 ~~waterworks~~ and sewer system unlimited tax and revenue bonds, Series 1975, to be issued by Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 1. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden,
Councilman Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF STREET FOR TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

Councilman Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution temporarily closing 2410 San Gabriel Street to 25th Street on March 1, 1975, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. as requested by the Kappa Sigma Fraternity (James Tipton) to celebrate Texas Independence Day. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman,
Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF STREET TO CELEBRATE INITIATION

Councilman Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution temporarily closing 28th Street from Salado to Rio Grande on March 1, 1975, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. as requested by Chi Omega Sorority to celebrate initiation. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman,
Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

REQUEST TO USE CENTER AS VOTING BOX

Councilman Lebermann moved that the Council authorize Leander Independent School District's request to use the West Rural Neighborhood Center as a voting box for the April 5, 1975, Trustee Election. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman,
Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council select the firm of AUSTIN DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC., for architectural services in connection with the following 1975 C.I.P. Project for the Vehicle Maintenance Department:

Radio Communication Shop Addition, C.I.P. Project No. 8911 0

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann,
Mayor Butler
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT

Mayor Pro Tem Dryden moved that the Council select the firm of TERA, INC., as the professional engineering consultant for the following project for Public Works Department:

Stassney Lane Improvement, Manchaca Road Easterly to I.H. 35
South, C.I.P. Project No. 6229 0.

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann,
Mayor Butler
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

AGREEMENT CONCERNING SEWER LINE

Mayor Pro Tem Dryden moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Frontier Trails, Inc., and Dick Rathgeber concerning their obligations for the construction of the Williamson Creek sewer line. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor
Pro Tem Dryden
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

Mr. Davidson noted that this was in accordance with an Executive Session item last week.

AGREEMENT CONCERNING EMPLOYE MAGAZINE

Councilman Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Municipal Federal Credit Union for financing the production of the Austin Employee Magazine. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden,
Councilman Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

REQUEST CONCERNING ZILKER MUNICIPAL GARDENS

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council grant a request by Dr. W. R. Bodine, President of Austin Area Garden Council, for permission to close the Zilker Municipal Gardens to free admission from Thursday, April 5, through Sunday, April 13, 1975, for the annual flower and garden show to which an admission of \$1.00 will be charged, with children under 12 being admitted free of charge. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman,
Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

REQUEST TO HANG BANNER

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council grant a request by J. Vernon Cook, Jr., representing the Austin Rugby Club, for permission to place a banner across the 2700 block of North Lamar Boulevard and Shoal Creek Boulevard from March 16-30, 1975, to advertise the March 29 and 30 Rugby tournament. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann,
Mayor Butler
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

APPEARANCE CONCERNING VETERANS

Mr. Ed Krenek, representing the Travis County Council Veterans of Foreign Wars, appeared before the Council to present a resolution concerning job preference for veterans. He noted that on December 5, 1974, in Houston the National League of Cities approved a resolution requesting the President of the United States to rescind the Executive Order giving Veterans preference for jobs under Public Service Employment. He submitted that this resolution was passed by voice vote without debate and without prior circulation to the delegates at the meeting or to any representative of the cities prior to the convening of the meeting. He requested that the Council show its support of the approximately 39,000 Veterans living in Travis County by taking affirmative action on the resolution passed by the Travis County Council Veterans of Foreign Wars on February 6, 1975, requesting the President to continue in effect all Executive Orders which provide for Veterans preference and to continue related programs which insure that all levels of government comply with applicable Executive Orders.

In response to Mayor Butler's comment that a similar resolution was passed in San Antonio by the Board of Directors of the Texas Municipal League, Mr. Krenek noted that the Texas Municipal League also wrote a letter to the National League of Cities giving them 60 days to rescind their action and the Texas Municipal League would pull out from the National League of Cities. He also noted that they wrote a similar letter to the Texas League of Cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Dryden noted that he was member of this Post and that he agreed with the Travis County Council Veterans of Foreign Wars. He felt that the Council should let the National League of Cities know that Austin did not approve of this procedure; and if a resolution was in order, he urged that it be passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Dryden moved that the Council approve the resolution as presented by the Travis County Council Veterans of Foreign Wars. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann,
Mayor Butler
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

It was noted that this would be mailed immediately to the President.

REFUND CONTRACTS - FIRST READING

Mayor Butler brought up the following ordinance for its first reading:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN REFUND CONTRACTS WITH AUSTIN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION AND NELSON PUETT, JR. (Las Cimas, Section 3; Oak Plantations, Phase I)

The ordinance was read the first time, and Councilman Lebermann moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro
Tem Dryden
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been passed through its first reading only.

REFUND CONTRACTS - SECOND READING

Mayor Butler brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN REFUND CONTRACTS WITH WILLOW CREEK HILLS, BUCKINGHAM RIDGE DEVELOPERS, AND DAVIS-WEBB ENGINEERING, INC., AND BUILDING ENTERPRISES, INC. (Willow Creek, Section 4; Buckingham Ridge, Section 4; Cooper Oaks, Section 1-A)

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilman Lebermann moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dryden, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro
Tem Dryden
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Binder

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been passed through its second reading only.

ORDINANCE CONCERNING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Butler brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 740919-B, ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 1974 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 1975, BY REDUCING THE AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF LIEUTENANTS IN THE FIRE FIGHTING DIVISION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED CAPTAINS IN THE FIRE FIGHTING DIVISION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The ordinance was read the second time, and Mayor Pro Tem Dryden moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Lebermann, Mayor Butler, Mayor Pro Tem Dryden,
Councilman Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Lebermann

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been passed through its second reading only.

ORDINANCE CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION

The Council had before it the second and third readings of an ordinance amending the Transit System Capital Improvements Program in order to qualify for funding under Section 5 of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act. Councilman Friedman commented that there were feelings that the City was not proceeding along with due speed to pursue the area of a handicapped bus system for the mobility impaired and senior citizens. Mr. Joe Ternus, Urban Transportation Director, noted that in July, 1974, the Council authorized by resolution the recognition of an Ad Hoc Committee to help with a transportation study in the development of a report of the needs of special transportation services. He added that this committee as well as other agencies had met with representatives from the Department on several occasions during this time; and in connection with the status of the study, they had anticipated it would be completed by April 1. He pointed out that this would then give details of what type of services would be specifically needed.

He also stated that the Council had authorized by resolution the submittal of an annual program, which stipulated that the City was going to spend \$450,000 on transit vehicles, and would not state whether they would be regular route vehicles or specific types of vehicles.

In response to Councilman Friedman's question, Mr. Ternus listed the possible options:

1. Authorization of conventional buses.
2. Authorization of conventional buses with special equipment.
3. Authorization of special vehicles and equipment.
4. Authorization of a combination thereof.

Councilman Lebermann mentioned that the Community Council had a Special Task Force examining the needs of the mobility impaired and looking at alternatives.

Mr. Ternus noted that various cost factors were involved, both capital and operating; and these would be questions that would be addressed within the study. In response to Councilman Friedman's question, Mr. Ternus indicated that the Council had all the flexibility and was not locked into any matter. He noted there would be ample opportunity for the Council to have the factual data to make the decisions as to how to spend these funds.

Mayor Butler brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 741017-M, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1974 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 1975, BY REALLOCATING CERTAIN MONIES HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilman Friedman moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Binder

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been passed through its second reading only.

REPORT ON ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES

Mr. R. L. Hancock, Electric Utility Director, reviewed this by stating that in the spring and summer of 1973, it was obvious that the City faced unusual problems relating to the fuel source for the existing electrical generation facilities; and as a result of various input, a long-range plan was developed and was presented to the voters in the form of a bond issue, which was approved in November, 1973. He noted that the approval provided the financial authority to implement a long-range generation plan that provided for Austin's future electrical needs and provided the transition away from natural gas as a base load fuel source to a more abundant and domestically available solid fuels base. He indicated that the purpose of this was to provide a status report of the current fuel situation.

Fuel

Status - Lo Vaca has been able to improve their available supply of natural gas considerably over what it was in 1973 and 1974; however, he indicated that this improvement was not in the nature of permanent gas. He was hopeful that they could add a good bit of permanent gas, but it was not very probable.

He noted that the Council had authorized some outside supplemental gas supplies which were flowing into the system and were available to Austin. He pointed out that in addition to these gas supplies, the City had on hand a 20 million gallon fuel oil inventory, which he felt would provide an adequate fuel supply to address the deficient gas supply during the summer months.

As far as the future, he noted that the situation was still quite cloudy and would remain this way as a result of an indefinite supply; and Austin would have to attempt to manage this fuel supply as best it could.

Price - He noted that in late 1972 Austin was paying slightly in excess of 20¢ per million btu for natural gas, and that had escalated to a January, 1975, cost of \$1.24 per million btu with the market value of new gas and supplemental gas supplies ranging from \$1.30 per million btu to recently published prices of \$1.80 per million btu. He pointed out that fuel oil prices had increased to a current price of approximately 30¢ a gallon; and in terms of equivalent quantities of natural gas, this was about \$2.00 per million btu.

He commented that the new gas was quite high but was still less expensive than fuel oil. He noted that LoVaca had estimated that their price for natural gas 12 months from now would be approximately \$1.50 per million btu,

He further noted that many experts were predicting natural gas prices and oil prices to reach approximately the same level, and many of the experts were predicting gas prices in the future in the order of \$3.00 a million btu. He pointed out that trade journals were currently indicating costs in the New Jersey area of \$5.00 per million btu for synthetic natural gas, and \$4.00 per million btu for liquified natural gas.

He mentioned that the current price of western coal delivered in this area was in the order of \$1.10 per million btu, and the equivalent cost of nuclear fuel would be in the order of 18¢ per million btu.

Mr. Hancock indicated that with the approval of the bond issue, the citizens authorized the execution of a generation plan that addressed Austin's fuel problems and provided the capacity for the electrical requirements for the City within the required construction lead time associated with the various types of generating facilities.

Mr. Dick Robertson, representing Bovay Engineers (consulting firm), addressed himself to the following:

Decker Unit #2 - He noted that because the City was constrained by design and construction lead time, the only option available to the City was a unit designed to burn either natural gas or fuel oil at full load on a continual base. He stated that most of the major equipment had been purchased, the engineering design work was essentially complete, and a construction contract had been awarded for certain site work for the project. He indicated that the project was on schedule, and it was anticipated that the unit would be available for commercial operation in June, 1977. He pointed out that they were under the budgeted amount by \$3,864,000, leaving this in reserve for contingency funds. He concluded his remarks on this unit by showing an illustration of the station.

Fayette Power Project - Mr. Robertson stated that the generation plan anticipated additional generating capacity requirements for the summer peak of 1979 with adequate lead time available to plan this unit as a coal fired unit; and as a result of a long-range fuel study conducted by Bechtel Power Corporation, LCC.R.A. and Austin entered into an agreement that provided for the construction of a jointly-owned coal fired generating facility. He noted that the two entities picked a site in Fayette County between Fayetteville and La Grange as the site for the Fayette Power Project.

He added that the two parties jointly awarded a contract to Decker Coal Company for an adequate supply of western coal from Decker, Montana, to fuel the first unit in the plant for approximately 25 years. He also stated that Bechtel Power Corporation had been retained as engineers on the project; and engineering was currently in excess of 50% complete, and he anticipated that major equipment commitments would be completed shortly. He noted that plans and specifications were complete for the development of the water intake structure located on the Colorado River, and Bechtel was assembling drawings and contract documents so that the construction activity associated with the intake structure would be available for bidding shortly with an award anticipated in early April.

He pointed out that it was anticipated that the implementation of coal fuel in 1979 would result in an annual savings of approximately \$23,000,000 a year compared to the fuel cost associated with gas or oil at that time. He noted that Austin had invested approximately \$2,250,000 in the project with an estimated cost of approximately \$119,000,000 associated with the first unit.

Mr. Hancock reviewed the following project:

South Texas Project - He stated that this was a jointly-owned nuclear fueled power production facility located in Matagorda County, in which Austin has a 16% participation. He indicated that the project was currently on schedule, with major equipment awards being made and having received a clearance from the Justice Department with respect to any antitrust activity associated with the project. He noted that the Environmental Report and the Preliminary Safety Analysis required in conjunction with the application for a construction permit had been filed with the AEC; and the AEC had issued a draft Environmental Statement, with various authorities responding to it. He indicated that it was anticipated that the construction permit that would actually authorize the construction activity on the site would be issued early in 1976, with the construction schedule anticipating the completion of construction of the first unit for the summer of 1981 and the second unit for the summer of 1982. He noted that Austin had invested approximately \$4.8 million in the project with the total anticipated cost to the City of approximately \$161,000,000.

The Council complimented Messrs. Hancock and Robertson on the report.

PROPOSED PAINT AND GLUE SNIFFING ORDINANCE

The Council had before it a proposed Paint and Glue Sniffing Ordinance. Councilman Friedman noted that this had been brought to his attention and had been drafted by the Montopolis Storefront No. 1 Advisory Committee, who have been working on this proposal for some time. He indicated that his intent in placing this on the agenda was to present a draft developed by Mr. William Rittenhouse, who worked at the Police Department as legal advisor at that time, along with a letter of explanation sent by various members of the Committee. He requested that the Council approve the concept and send this to

the City Attorney for comments and to possibly "brush up" into a final ordinance on which the Council might call a hearing to determine if the necessity for this is as grave as he and the neighborhood people feel it is.

Councilman Lebermann felt that this was excellent and asked if Councilman Friedman would approve the notion of sending this for review and comment to the recently established Austin Commission on Youth Affairs. Councilman Friedman felt that this would suffice as a preliminary measure.

MR. MARIO MORALES, representing the Montopolis Storefront Committee, noted that this had been brought to the Council's attention before; and they felt that the situation had not changed. He requested that the Council do something to try and stop the situation.

MR. RON GRESSEL, representing the Dolores Parish, cited a particular incident and felt that something should be done to make the parents more aware, which he suggested would help the problem.

After discussion, it was determined that this would be forwarded to the City Attorney and the Council on Youth Affairs.

LETTER FROM PALM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

It was noted that the Council had received copies of a letter from Mr. Dan Ruiz, President of the Palm Elementary School P.T.A., thanking the Council and the City Manager's office for the improvements to their community and requesting a commitment from the Council and City to begin planning and reserving money for various improvements needed to insure the health and safety of the children who would be attending the new Sanchez Elementary School in the fall of 1976. They offered their assistance in this endeavor.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk