

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 18, 1975
7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Friedman presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann,
Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell

Absent: Councilmember Linn

The Invocation was delivered by DR. JAMES L. STONER, Central Christian Church.

SANTA BOWL DAY

Mayor Friedman read and then presented a proclamation to representatives of the Austin Police Department Rams and the Brackenridge Newts, proclaiming December 21, 1975, as "Santa Bowl Day" and urged all Austin citizens to attend the game, or if unable to attend, to take a donation to the Police Headquarters, the Storefront at 2142 East 7th, the Storefront at 745 Montopolis Drive, Brackenridge Hospital, or any of the three Austin television stations. Mr. Matt Villegas extended an invitation for all to attend the game.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Mayor Friedman announced that the Council had been in an executive session earlier to discuss the reallocation of the Brackenridge Hospital Board appointments due to some confusion concerning the expiration date of the terms.

Brackenridge Hospital Board

Councilmember Himmelblau stated that the Brackenridge Hospital Board has requested that the Council adjust several terms of appointments of members to that Board. One term must be extended for one year, and two terms must be reduced by one year each to comply with the Ordinance establishing the Board.

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council extend Mr. James Pfluger's term for one year to May 26, 1977; and reduce the terms of Mr. Jess Allman and Ms. Connie Moreno by one year each from June 19, 1978 to June 19, 1977. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers
Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Civil Service Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Snell moved that the Council confirm the appointment of DR. JOHN KING to the Civil Service Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann,
Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council approve the Minutes of December 11, 1975, and the Special Meeting Minutes of December 8, 1975. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino,
Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

APPEARANCE CONCERNING A PARITY STUDY

Mr. A. C. Frohnapfel, President of the Austin Association of Professional Firefighters, appeared before the Council to discuss a parity study. He expressed his thanks to the Council and the City Manager for the appointment of Dr. John King to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Frohnapfel pointed out that he was not representing the Fire Department as a City department but was requesting that some consideration be given to the disparity that exists between the ranks of the Fire Department and the Police Department. Although \$20,000 had been budgeted for the study of all City employee's pay, he felt that their parity problem was different and should not be included in this study. Mr. Frohnapfel requested that the Council allow a committee appointed by him to work with Personnel on the subject and have input into the study; and that this be a provision written into the contract. In reviewing some of the facts concerning

the study, he commented that the major cities in Texas were adopting equal pay scales for the Police Department and Fire Department. He referred to the comparative pay scales that were distributed to the Council and asked that some consideration be given to this matter before the next budget.

City Manager Davidson indicated that each of the items that Mr. Frohnapfel discussed regarding the study would certainly be reviewed, and he assured the firefighters that an adequate job would be done, and their input would be requested. Although Mr. Davidson disagreed with the figures that Mr. Frohnapfel presented, he was anticipating working with him to present to the Council an adequate comparison before the next budget is considered.

Mayor Friedman noted that the main point was that the Council was committed to having the study accomplished with the input from the firefighters and felt that the disparities should be settled as soon as possible.

REQUEST CONCERNING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Ms. Marye Hernandez, PAC Chairperson, Brooke Elementary School, appeared before the Council to request that the 1976 Budget allow playground equipment for their school and consider purchasing 2-1/2 acres across from the school to be utilized as a park and recreation area. In reviewing the reasons why the children could not use the Metz and Zaragosa Parks, she stated it was due to traffic at crossings and the need to use the playground during the day. She noted that the School District had contributed \$660.00 in capital outlay but felt that this amount was not sufficient. In response to Mayor Friedman's question concerning the funds received from the School District, Ms. Hernandez stated that they were to be used for necessary items.

At this time, Gilbert Lopez and Joan Salas, students from Brooke Elementary, presented slides of the school and some of the items they were requesting such as swings, slides, merry-go-round and other items similar to the ones at Woolridge School.

JUAN GARCIA, a parent of one of the students, asked the Council to consider what had been requested in an attempt to achieve an answer.

City Manager Davidson complimented the presentation that was made. He pointed out that the improvements being requested had not been funded and suggested that the Council direct his office to bring a report to them in January showing the following:

1. How the service area at Brooke Elementary School matches the playgrounds in other schools.
2. Requesting the School District to cooperate further with obtaining some of the facilities being requested.
3. Examining the possibility of using certain Federal funds.
4. A review of the report with several members of the Council so they would be aware of the situation.

Mayor Friedman noted that although there are some joint programs with the School District, Brooke School is not included in this type of program at the present time. The report will show how the City can get involved with the School District to make the needed improvements. This report should be ready for the Council for the January 15, 1976, meeting; however, before this time, some of the parents will be invited to meet with the City Manager to alleviate any problems.

Councilmember Trevino commented that the City would be making a decision fairly soon regarding the expenditure of 7.9 million dollars, and felt that this concerted effort by the parents in requesting the needed improvements is something that should be done.

Mayor Friedman commended the students on their presentation and noted that it was one of the best that had been presented to the Council.

Councilmember Trevino took this opportunity to introduce his sister Josephine Zamarripa, and Councilmember Himmelblau asked the students from Brooke Elementary School to please stand.

APPEARANCE TO DISCUSS EMPLOYEE RELATION PROBLEMS

Mr. Chuck Caldwell, Assistant Director of AFSCME Local 1624, appeared before the Council to discuss the possibility of having December 26, 1975, as a holiday and other employee relation problems. Mr. Caldwell introduced the new Local officers as follows: Mr. Bill Roman, President; Joe Camarillo, Vice-Chairman; Vicky Taylor, Recording Secretary; and Mr. E. B. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Caldwell requested that the Friday following this Christmas Day be declared a City holiday for all City employees, with essential City services to be maintained as they are on other declared City holidays. In reviewing his reasons for this request, he indicated that a number of Texas city governments were granting their employees this day off. Also of concern to Mr. Caldwell was the figure of \$169,795 that City Manager Davidson stated would be the cost of an additional holiday.

Mr. Davidson pointed out that a survey had been done in Texas concerning the amount of holidays received by various employees and found that only three jurisdictions observed December 26 as a holiday. The figure represented of \$169,795 reflects only the additional overtime that would have to be expended by the City to keep employees on either daily or 24-hour schedules which cannot be suspended on holidays.

Mayor Friedman stated that when he received Mr. Caldwell's letter regarding the request for the additional holiday, that Mr. Caldwell was informed that the Council had already investigated the possibility of having this holiday and that it would not be feasible. Mayor Friedman expressed that the City was concerned with the needs of all City employees.

Mr. Caldwell asked that on various occasions that the union be given the opportunity to appear before the Council to express their point of view on matters that concern them. In reviewing some of the specific types of problems that he had encountered, Mr. Caldwell felt a real problem existed with the

hours that the employees work at the Municipal Auditorium; and that a genuine effort to rearrange the schedules in a more equitable manner would greatly increase the morale of the Auditorium employees.

Another problem of concern involved an employee of the Wastewater Department, Mr. Carlos Ruiz. He was fired on December 9, 1975, for "drinking on the job" and Mr. Caldwell felt that whether this was true or not the punishment hardly fitted the offense. Mr. Clyde Johnson, another employee of the Wastewater Department, is currently an injured City worker who by following his doctor's advice, and making a small error in judgement, lost his job. Mr. Caldwell felt that since Mr. Johnson was injured on the job and was under a doctor's care that the City should be responsible for any charges.

His last example involved Mr. Bob Morales, an employee of the Electric Department, who was requesting that his records be clarified, a resolution of the conflict currently contained in his personnel file over who was really at fault in a recent accident.

In response to City Manager Davidson's question concerning any contact with his office regarding these problems, Mr. Caldwell stated that the Personnel Department had been contacted but not the City Manager's office. Mr. Davidson suggested to Mr. Caldwell that contact be made with his office concerning these problems.

Mr. Caldwell indicated that he didn't expect the Council to take any action on these problems tonight; however, he hoped that a policy would be formulated to create a more equitable and less time-consuming way to adjust the grievances. At a minimum, he felt that the current job classifications study and the current revision of City Personnel Policies would be submitted in advance to all City Employee organizations for their study and comments before any final adoptive consideration by the Council.

Mayor Friedman stated that A.F.S.C.M.E. would have the opportunity to contribute any comments before anything was adopted.

APPEARANCE CONCERNING THE DECEMBER 6, 1975 BOND ELECTION

Mrs. Marvin Luedtke appeared before the Council to discuss the recent Bond Election, and commented that she had voted against some of the bonds because she questioned the leadership of some of the City departments. She stated that the leadership of Brackenridge Hospital was definitely a concern to her due to a letter that had been written which she distributed to the Council at this time. In reference to this, Mrs. Luedtke noted that several nurses had resigned from the hospital due to poor conditions existing at the hospital and felt that the hospital did not have the proper leadership. She requested that all persons concerned with this matter to come before the Council and express their problems.

Mayor Friedman indicated that any problems presented would be investigated to reach a solution. Mrs. Luedtke felt very concerned with these problems since she was a nurse and did want better health care.

ITEM CONCERNING THE SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY FRANCHISE

Mr. R. M. Laczko, District Manager, Southern Union Gas Company, appeared before the Council to discuss certain provisions of the Southern Union Gas Company franchise. He distributed to the Council a suggested form of ordinance which would amend and modify certain provisions of Southern Union's existing franchise with the City. Mr. Laczko noted an awareness of the recent and continuing major gas supply problems experienced by their wholesale supplier in Austin, Coastal States Gas Producing Company (LoVaca Gathering Company). The changes being proposed relate specifically to Southern Union Gas Company's distribution operations in the City which changes he felt necessary in view of current economic conditions and the supply situation. Existing language in the franchise pertaining to extensions of service and alternate supplies is inadequate to protect the Company and its customers. To alleviate this situation he proposed:

1. To redefine, in Section 1 of the franchise, the "gas" to include alternate or supplemental fuels in addition to natural gas. This is found in Part 1 of the Ordinance.
2. To reword and change Section 5 thereof by deleting the entire language contained in Section 5 and substituting therefor the following:

"Grantee shall extend its facilities to provide gas service to new customers applying therefor strictly in accordance with all lawful orders, rules and regulations of regulatory authorities having jurisdiction and with Grantee's applicable rules of service from time to time in effect."

3. To delete the last 3 lines of the next to the last sentence in Paragraph 1 of Section 7 and to change the last sentence of that paragraph so as to allow Southern Union to make a nonrefundable service charge of at least \$10.00 for establishing, reestablishing, transferring or relocating service. This would be more in keeping with the current cost of providing such services. The language is found in Part 3 of the Ordinance.
4. To delete the second paragraph in Section 7 which would permit collecting of a uniform security deposit of two times an estimated maximum monthly bill or a minimum of \$10.00 which is currently applicable to only industrial customers. Again, he felt that this is more in keeping with current economic conditions.
5. To change the minimum BTU requirement in Section 8 of the franchise from 1,000 to 950 BTU per cubic foot. This would be found in Part 5 of the Ordinance.
6. To reword Section 10 of the franchise so as to place primary emphasis on availability of alternate or additional supplies rather than price. This would be found in Part 6 of the Ordinance.
7. To delete Section 12 regarding curtailment priorities and substituting language which would reflect current regulations.

Mr. Laczko submitted that these suggested changes were designed to bring the franchise more in line with their understanding of the requirements of the new Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act pertaining to rules of service. He requested that the Council consider the proposed Ordinance at the January 8, 1976, meeting.

Mayor Friedman informed Mr. Laczko that no action could be taken tonight and felt that a date should be set that would be fair to everyone since the proposed Ordinance contained certain items that the citizens would be interested in having input. He also pointed out that since potential changes would be considered regarding the franchise, Mayor Friedman asked Mr. Laczko if he would object to changing the franchise to increase the gross receipts tax that Southern Union pays to the City. Mr. Laczko stated that he would be open to such a proposal.

Councilmember Hofmann requested that possibly the Ordinance could be written to facilitate reading.

MR. ED McFALL expressed concern that Southern Union would ask the Council to change the installation policy in subdivisions and invited Southern Union to the Homebuilder's Office to discuss this change.

MR. JOE JOSLIN requested that the date set for the hearing be for an evening meeting so more citizens would have the opportunity for input.

City Attorney Don Butler felt that his staff would like to examine the changes in the franchise and commented that January 15, 1976, would be an acceptable date for this hearing.

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on January 15, 1976, to consider changes in the franchise for Southern Union Gas Company. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor
Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmember Himmelblau
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

APPEARANCE CONCERNING FEES CHARGED FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

Mr. Vernest Johnson, President of the Allied Clubs of Austin, appeared before the Council to discuss the excessive rental fees charged to non-profit clubs for use of Municipal Auditorium. Mr. Johnson stated that the clubs involved were non-profit, and they were unable to pay the present fees. He commented that they had met with Mr. Carl Gandy, Director of the Auditorium, without any success. Contact has also been made with the City Manager and one member of the Council concerning this problem.

In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question concerning the use of the Auditorium, Mr. Johnson noted that it was mainly used for dances and they did not receive any profit for the functions. His main concern was that the table and chairs be furnished when the building was rented and that some type of an agreement be reached regarding food being brought into the Auditorium.

City Manager Davidson pointed out that the policies being applied at the Auditorium regarding rates were in accordance with the rates that have been adopted by the Council several years ago. The policy pertaining to food and refreshments being brought into the building is controlled by the contract that is maintained with the concessionaire. Mr. Davidson stated that he would check any problems that Mr. Johnson felt needed attention to make certain that all provisions of the contract were applied to everyone.

Mr. Johnson was also concerned with the insurance rate and Mr. Davidson submitted that the City did not provide the insurance for people, that it would have to be their responsibility. Mayor Friedman noted that the rates were set by the State and not by the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell felt that there should be some provision for competitive rates and requested to see the list of charges.

Councilmember Hofmann asked if there was a sliding scale for the non-profit organizations, and Mr. Davidson stated that there is; however, he was not sure if this particular group qualified for the charitable rate. He commented that a report could be submitted to the Council outlining the justification for the rates that were being charged. However, Mr. Davidson stressed that the present charges were compared with other areas in the State for similar facilities and they were justified.

Mayor Friedman indicated that the report to be prepared by the City Manager would review the rates and the possibility of changing them, and that as soon as the report was available, Mr. Johnson would be contacted to discuss it.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell noted that he hoped Givens Park would aid in eliminating this type of problem because the charges were difficult for the Allied Clubs to pay.

RELEASE OF EASEMENTS

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing release of the following easement:

All of that certain drainage easement that covers the west ten (10.00) feet of Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 save and except a small tract of land at the northwest corner of Lot 16, and the Public Utilities Easement that covers the east seven and one-half (7.50) feet of the west seventeen and one-half (17.50) feet of Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 Block D, Timber Village, a subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas. (Requested by Charles B. Graves, Jr., P. E., Director of Engineering)

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor
Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing release of the following easements:

All of the Public Utility Easements ten (10.00) feet in width
centered on the common lot line between Lots 7 and 8, Ben White
Commercial Subdivision. (Requested by Odas Jung, owner)

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor
Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

WIRE LINE LICENSE AGREEMENT

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Wire Line License Agreement with the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company for a transmission crossing near Seaholm Power Plant. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

THOMAS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC.
3400 East 1st Street
Austin, Texas

- Construction of electric ductlines
and concrete foundations at
Brackenridge Substation - \$96,650.75

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

AUSTIN METER, INC.
3200 Rutland Drive
Austin, Texas

- 2 KDAR Relay Panels, Electric
Department
Item 1; 2 ea. @ \$14,537.90
Total \$29,075.80

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

BRIGGS-WEAVER, INC.
7740 East Ed Bluestein Boulevard
Austin, Texas

- Pipe/bolt Threading Machine, for
use in maintenance work at power
production plants, Power Production
Division, Electric Utility
Department. Item 1 - \$6,620.00

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann asked how many man hours the machine would save the City, and Mr. R. L. Hancock, Director of the Electric Department, commented that he did not have this information available at the present time, but the device would replace an existing threading machine that is not operative.

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

McKESSON CHEMICAL COMPANY
4531 Director Drive
San Antonio, Texas

- Caustic Soda, Liquid, for use as a
demineralizer in power plant boilers
Twelve Months Supply Agreement
Estimated 200 tons, \$140.00 per ton
Estimated total price - \$29,970.30

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

FLUORIDE MANUFACTURING DIVISION
Chemtech Industries, Inc.
9909 Clayton Road
St. Louis, Missouri

- Fluosilicic Acid, Water and Waste-
water Treatment Division.
Twelve Months Supply Agreement
Item 1, estimated 160 tons @ \$70.00/
ton. Total - \$11,200.00

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Linn

The following contract was brought up before the Council:

PAUL VOGEL INDUSTRIES
1200 Riverside Drive
Burbank, California

- Polygraph Equipment, Police
Department
Items 1-4 - \$6,110.00

Councilmember Hofmann requested more information concerning this item, and Mayor Friedman noted that it was a lie detector in conjunction with a program that was approved by the Criminal Justice Department. Mr. G. A. Phifer, Assistant Police Chief, stated that the department had been utilizing polygraph equipment that was personally owned, and the piece of equipment was needed very badly.

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the afore-mentioned contract. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

HOBBS TRAILERS
6700 South Flores Street
San Antonio, Texas

- Semi-Trailer, Hydraulic Dump,
Vehicle and Equipment Services
Department
Item 1; 1 ea. @ \$21,500.00

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES
CORPORATION
1609 Shoal Creek Boulevard
Austin, Texas

- Fixed Term Plan Lease, Printer and Control Unit, Data Processing Department. Items 1 and 2 - \$1,584.00 per month
Two year Fixed Term Lease Plan

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

ACME FOOD SERVICE
611 Neches Street
Austin, Texas

- Authorizing extension of a nutritional food service contract up to twelve months beginning on or about February 1, 1976, estimated amount of \$110,000.00

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

EXXON COMPANY, U.S.A.
2200 South Post Oak Road
Houston, Texas

- Cut-back Asphalt, RC-2, Street and Bridge Division. Twelve months supply agreement. Estimated 16,500 gallons @ \$0.3488/gallon. Estimated total - \$5,755.20

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Abstain: Councilmember Himmelblau
Absent: Councilmember Linn

The following contracts were brought up before the Council for consideration:

1. SCHMIDT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. - St. Johns Area Redevelopment
7230 U. S. Highway 290 West. Phase II - \$394,953.45
Austin, Texas
2. TERRY EDWARDS CONSTRUCTION - Third Year Model Cities
COMPANY, INC. Street Improvements, Phase
11607 North Lamar Boulevard II, - \$289,989.10
Austin, Texas

City Manager Davidson submitted that a special presentation had been prepared concerning the two afore-mentioned contracts. At this time, he noted that Mr. Curtis Johnson, Director of Water and Wastewater and Mr. Monty Nitcholas, Assistant Director of Finance, would make the presentation. Mr. Davidson expressed that hopefully this presentation would aid in answering some of the questions being posed by the Council concerning the availability of Water and Wastewater funds to these type of projects in the future.

Mr. Monty Nicholas, Assistant Director of Finance, referred to the report that was distributed to the Council concerning the financial status of Water and Wastewater funds. It was noted that the report contained the following:

1. Financial Condition of Wastewater CIP
2. Projects Essential for Wastewater System Operation
3. Urgent Wastewater Priorities
4. Financial Condition of Water CIP
5. Projects Essential for Water System Operation
6. Urgent Water Priorities
7. Street, Bridge and Drainage Projects which require Water and Wastewater Relocation

After deducting the estimated costs of projects which are essential for system operations through December 31, 1976, the funds available for allocation are:

Wastewater	\$1,757,237
Water	\$2,971,470

Items (1) and (2) of the afore-mentioned contracts have been included in the available resources. Mr. Nitcholas indicated that at this time, there were \$5,061,470 remaining in unobligated resources for the total Wastewater Capital Improvements Program.

In referring to the Water Capital Improvements Program, Mr. Nitcholas pointed out that the outstanding obligations were \$14,313,237 and would leave \$5,061,470 remaining in the Water CIP.

Mr. Curtis Johnson, Director of Water and Wastewater, reviewed the areas in the Wastewater CIP that are essential to maintain normal operation through December 31, 1976. The total of the items that are essential would be \$1,970,000.

In response to Councilmember Trevino's question concerning the use of HCD funds for daily operation of the Wastewater system, Mr. Homer Reed, Deputy City Manager, noted that they would not be used.

Mr. Johnson continued by saying that \$1,442,000 was required for completion of the Walnut Creek Plant, but pointed out that this would be to get the plant operational and would not entirely complete the plant. This would leave \$1,757,237 as an available balance. He enumerated the Critical Wastewater Priorities and the total was \$3,923,000. In reviewing the Water Projects Essential for System Operation, he stated that \$1,930,000 was required to continue operation of the existing system through December 31, 1976. The funds required for completion of the Jollyville Reservoir would be \$160,000. After subtracting the total amount from the funds available, the available balance for other projects would be \$2,971,470. Mr. Johnson outlined various projects that were Critical Water Priorities and noted the total to be \$6,964,000. He then discussed the Street Projects Requiring Water & Wastewater Relocations and stressed that the figures were "rough" estimates since most of the projects did not have plans.

In response to Councilmember Trevino's question regarding the total of Projects in Fiscal Year 1975/76, Mr. Johnson commented it was approximately \$4.3 million for Water and Wastewater.

Councilmember Hofmann submitted that the projects should be examined to see which ones would be the most critical. Mr. Johnson noted that this was the reason for preparing the report so it would indicate the critical areas.

City Manager Davidson indicated that the report presented tonight was not to provide the Council with all of the information necessary to determine any final action, but it was prepared so the Council would see the available funds for Water and Wastewater. A more detailed report would be presented at a later date.

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the following contract:

SCHMIDT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.	- St. Johns Area Redevelopment,
7230 U. S. Highway 290 West	Phase II - \$394,953.45
Austin, Texas	

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

Ayes: Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers
Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the following contract:

TERRY EDWARDS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.	- Third Year Model Cities Street Improvements, Phase II, -
11607 North Lamar Boulevard	\$289,989.10
Austin, Texas	

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

Ayes: Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers
Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

CHANGE ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF POLICE TRAINING AND PARKING FACILITIES

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving Change Order No. 4 to Akin & Byram, Inc., in the amount of \$20,913.00 for construction of Police Training and Parking Facilities. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann,
Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

DISPOSITION OF PARCEL IN BLACKSHEAR PROJECT

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving disposition of Parcel R-7-11 together with improvements thereon; to wit, a rehabilitated single family residence, Blackshear Project, Tex A-11-2. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann,
Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

ACQUISITION OF LAND

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain land for the East Riverside Drive Project:

0.44 of one acre of land out of Tract B, Willow Bend Addition, Section One. (William P. Glade, Trustee)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor
Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmember Himmelblau
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain land for the East Riverside Drive Project:

0.24 of one acre of land out of the Santiago Del Valle Grant.
(Reproco, Inc.)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor
Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmember Himmelblau
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Hofmann stated that these two right-of-ways cost over \$100,000 and felt that this was something that should be noted.

HEARING SET ON SIGN ORDINANCE

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council set a public hearing for January 15, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. on the proposed Sign Ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor Friedman,
Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

ZONING ORDINANCE

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

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 ONE, RUTLAND SQUARE, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1637-1655 RUTLAND DRIVE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "LR" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT; AND,
- (2) A 3.31 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 8700 BALCONES DRIVE, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE, INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "D" INDUSTRIAL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; AND,
- (3) LOT A, WONSLEY DRIVE SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 507 WONSLEY DRIVE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; AND,
- (4) THE NORTH 110 FEET OF THE EAST 115.2 FEET OF LOT 2, BLOCK 11, OUTLOT 10, DIVISION "Z," ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 510 BAYLOR STREET, FROM "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C-H" COMMERCIAL-HISTORIC DISTRICT; AND,

(5) 70' X 128' OUT OF OUTLOT 20, DIVISION "E," ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1703 WEST AVENUE, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-H" RESIDENCE-HISTORIC DISTRICT; AND,
(6) BEING A PART OF LOT 58, OAKWOOD SUBDIVISION AND PARTS OF OUTLOTS 72 AND 75, DIVISION "D," ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 3112 WEST AVENUE, FROM "BB" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "BB-H" RESIDENCE-HISTORIC DISTRICT; AND,
(7) THE EAST 46 FEET OF LOT 2 AND THE WEST 5 FEET OF LOT 3; THE EAST 64 FEET OF LOT 3 AND THE WEST 4 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 106, ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 602 WEST 9TH STREET, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-H" RESIDENCE-HISTORIC DISTRICT; AND,
(8) THE WEST 22 FEET OF THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 2; THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 103, ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 800 SAN ANTONIO STREET, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-H" RESIDENCE-HISTORIC DISTRICT; AND,
(9) LOT 5, BLOCK 2, ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 401 WEST 2ND STREET FROM "C-2" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C-2-H" COMMERCIAL-HISTORIC DISTRICT;
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. (Presbyterian Development Corporation, C14-75-104; Texas Emulsions, Inc., C14-75-107; Church of Christ, C14-75-109; Raymond-Morley House, C14h-75-008; West Hill, C14h-75-009; Heritage House, C14h-75-011; Boardman House, C14h-75-012; J. W. McLaughlin House, C14h-75-013; J. P. Schneider Store, C14h-75-014)

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

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

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:

A 0.679 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 9244-9304 OLD U. S. HIGHWAY 183, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE, INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA 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. (Royce R. Myers, C14-75-105)

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

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AND ORDERING THE PAVING AND IMPROVEMENT OF PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH WORK, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF ESTIMATES, INVOKING THE ALTERNATE PROCEDURE PROVIDED BY ARTICLE I, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE ACTS OF THE FIRST CALLED SESSION OF THE 40TH LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE PAID BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PROVIDING A METHOD OF REIMBURSING THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR A PORTION OF SUCH COSTS BY ASSESSMENT OF A PORTION OF SUCH COSTS AGAINST THE PROPERTY ABUTTING SUCH STREETS OR PORTIONS THEREOF TO BE IMPROVED, AND FOR THE FIXING OF A LIEN TO SECURE PAYMENT OF SUCH ASSESSMENTS, STATING THE TIME AND MANNER PROPOSED FOR PAYMENT OF ALL SUCH COSTS, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE A NOTICE OF THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE TO BE FILED IN THE MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Atkinson Road and other streets)

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

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell,
Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING CURB, GUTTER AND
CONCRETE DRIVEWAYS

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AND ORDERING THE PAVING AND IMPROVEMENT OF PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH WORK, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF ESTIMATES, INVOKING THE ALTERNATE PROCEDURE PROVIDED BY ARTICLE I, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE ACTS OF THE FIRST CALLED SESSION OF THE 40TH LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE PAID BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PROVIDING A METHOD OF REIMBURSING THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR A PORTION OF SUCH COSTS BY ASSESSMENT OF A PORTION OF SUCH COSTS AGAINST THE PROPERTY ABUTTING SUCH STREETS OR PORTIONS THEREOF TO BE IMPROVED, AND FOR THE FIXING OF A LIEN TO SECURE PAYMENT OF SUCH ASSESSMENTS, STATING THE TIME AND MANNER PROPOSED FOR PAYMENT OF ALL SUCH COSTS, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE A NOTICE OF THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE TO BE FILED IN THE MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Burnet Road)

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

Ayes: Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers
Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

The Mayor introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 750925-D, THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975-1976, BY TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ACCOUNT FUNDS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ord. No. 751218-F

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann,
Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor Friedman

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Linn

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ORDINANCE FOR THE SALE OF REVENUE BONDS

Mayor Friedman brought up the following ordinance for its second and third readings:

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council waive the requirement for the third reading, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor
Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell

Noes: None

Abstain: Councilmember Hofmann*

Absent: Councilmember Linn

*Councilmember Hofmann expressed her reason for abstaining was due to her opposition to the use of Nuclear Power. She was in favor of all of the above except Electric System - Nuclear.

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

EMERGENCY ITEM PERTAINING TO AN ORDINANCE

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council declare the following an emergency item:

Amending Chapter 45 of the Austin City Code of 1967 (Zoning Ordinance) to cover the following changes:

MRS. LOUISE F. BOYER
By Robert L. Davis
C14-73-161

Northeast corner
of Rutland Drive
and the T & NO
Railroad (This is
the 3rd tract)

From Interim "A"
Residence
To "D" Industrial
1st Height and Area

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor
Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmember Himmelblau
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

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:

RUTLAND DRIVE BUSINESS PARK, SECTION 3, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF METROPOLITAN DRIVE, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE, INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "D" INDUSTRIAL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA 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. (Mrs. Louise F. Boyer, C14-73-161)

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor Friedman,
Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

EMERGENCY ITEM PERTAINING TO A RESOLUTION

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council declare the following an emergency item:

Consider amendment to the 1975 Christmas Lighting schedule to allow energizing mercury vapor lights on Congress Avenue in conjunction with Christmas lighting. (Energy Conservation Commission)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution to amend the 1975 Christmas Lighting schedule to allow energizing mercury vapor lights on Congress Avenue in conjunction with Christmas lighting. (Energy Conservation Commission) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

TERMINATION OF MOPAC STUDY

Councilmember Himmelblau commented that it was her intent to terminate the \$100,000 MoPac Study since it was going to cost more than initially planned. However, she would be agreeable to postpone any decision on this matter until a full Council would be present, and the Council would have the opportunity to study Phase I of the Study. Councilmember Himmelblau requested that no more money be spent at this time until the Council has had the opportunity to discuss the Study.

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council set January 22, 1976, at 2:30 p.m. for the discussion to terminate the \$100,000 MoPac Study. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers
Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

HEARING SET ON CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES LIMITATIONS ORDINANCE

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council set a public hearing on Campaign Expenditures Limitations Ordinance at 7:30 p.m. for February 19, 1976. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann,
Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor Friedman
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Mayor Friedman noted that a hearing would be set concerning Ethics, Lobby Registration and Financial Disclosure at the December 31, 1975, Council meeting.

CASWELL HOUSE RESTORATION

City Manager Dan Davidson pointed out that he had transmitted to the Council the feasibility study conducted by the architects regarding the restoration of the Caswell House.

MS. MARY ARNOLD, representing Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, submitted that she had been working as a member of the committee that was organized by the Planning Department to observe the progress of the Caswell House restoration. She noted that the architect would be responsible for studying the present deterioration and recommend how to alleviate this problem. Also he would prepare a study on how to finish the restoration and the priorities for that restoration. In considering this report, Ms. Arnold desired the Council and the Landmark Commission to take into account the City's past commitments to the Caswell House as a Bicentennial Project and continue to explore with City staff and interested citizens the alternate ways in which the total project could be accomplished.

REPORT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mr. Jim Miller, Assistant City Manager for Community Services, stated that for the past several months his office had been working with the Commissioners' Court to prepare a program concept that would show how the Emergency Medical Service could relate to servicing the County area. Mr. Miller was requesting that the Council approve the concept and authorize the Legal Department to work with the County Attorney's Office to develop a contract for the Council and Commissioners' Court to approve. In reviewing the concept, he commented that the County would pay the City for training the volunteer firefighters to an EMT level to provide first response service in the County area. The concept would also include tying in a communications system into the County area within the Fire Department that would manage the EMS radio system. This equipment would be purchased by the City at the expense of the County. The County has agreed to pay the salary of an individual that they would hire, but place in the EMS Department under the Director, supervision for County relations and for operating the training and communication programs within the County. Mr. Miller pointed out that the City would be reimbursed for any ambulance "runs" into the County; however, the County would pay only the amount that the City does not collect from the patient. The total figure involved would be \$154,636.00.

In response to Councilmember Lebermann's question concerning the communication system, Mr. Miller noted that at the present time there were not any plans to work with CAPCO.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Snell's question concerning the awareness of other counties about the program, Mr. Miller indicated that meetings had been held with representatives from other counties because the City would be very much involved in the regional EMS plan that CAPCO is designing.

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council approve the City-County contract concept for the Emergency Medical Services. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino,
Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

CHARTER REVISION REPORT

Mr. Stephen Gutow, Staff Coordinator for Charter Review Committee, distributed copies of an Interim Staff Report of the Committee and gave a general overview of the Charter Review Committee. He noted that subcommittees were formed to discuss various articles of the Charter, and they had spent most of the summer either attending meetings or public hearings throughout the City at which they decided upon their final subcommittee reports. Mr. Gutow submitted that by February 19 or 26 there should be a complete report available for the Council. He pointed out that several documents were included in the material that was distributed to the Council as well as information regarding the staffing. Mr. Gutow expressed that three dozen volunteers had participated in helping the Committee complete its research and reports. Although each of the volunteer researchers deserve special credit for enabling the committee to function in capacities far more extensive than its amount of paid staff would permit, Mr. Jim Blume deserves special notice. Mr. Blume recently passed his Bar exam and has devoted full time to aiding the committee in both its research and its drafting activities.

Councilmember Hofmann complimented Mr. Gutow for the excellent organizational job that was performed especially in having the schedules available noting what was being accomplished. Mayor Friedman was concerned that the report be ready at a reasonable time so an election could be held as soon as possible.

INTERIM CONTROLS ON LAKE AUSTIN

Mr. Dick Lillie, Director of Planning, commented that the Environmental Board and the Planning Commission had reviewed the necessity for placing some interim controls along Lake Austin during the period of time in which the consultant can complete and submit the report. Mr. Lillie referred to the two reports that were distributed to the Council. One report was submitted by the Environmental Board and also submitted were recommendations from the Planning Commission. Both Boards agreed on a recommendation to develop a new zoning district along the lake within the current City limit line. The Planning Commission also discussed the possibility of annexing additional lands along Lake Austin, and both Boards discussed the existing comprehensive plan for the area. The Environmental Board adopted a position in which they recommended that a density of 1 unit for every two acres be applied to the area pending completion of the plan. The Planning Commission recommended that the Austin Development Plan not be amended during the interim period.

Mr. Jay Weinheimer, Acting Director of the Office of Environmental Resource Management, noted that when the Environmental Board considered this, their objective was to create the least restrictive method of interim controls that would provide the environmental protection needed until the adoption and implementation of the Lake Austin Development Plan.

Mr. C. W. Hetherly, Chairman of the Planning Commission, submitted that the Planning Commission was in agreement with the Environmental Board except for the density change. He felt that at this time there wasn't a need for the change. Mr. Hetherly felt that there was no justification for having 1 unit for every two acres and were not anticipating any large developments on the Lake. The Planning Commission agreed unanimously that they did not want to see any large development on Lake Austin until the Lake Austin Development Plan is completed. Both Boards recommended that the Zoning Ordinance be amended to establish a new zoning district along the Lake and annexing land along the Lake to expand the area subject to the zoning.

MR. DAVID BARROW, JR., expressed his displeasure with the recommendation that there be 1 house per every two acres since it would be too restrictive for this large area and would not be economically feasible.

Mayor Friedman stated that there would be a public hearing conducted on the passage of any interim ordinance to allow for citizen input.

Councilmember Hofmann commented that the subject matter concerning this was studied by her office; therefore, she made the following motion:

Motion

"It is the duty of the City of Austin to protect the health and general welfare of its citizens. Since Lake Austin is the chief source of water for the City and an important source of recreation for the people, and because we are currently engaged in writing a new Master Plan that will seek to control the quality of the environment in this watershed, I believe that interim controls are necessary to prevent any construction which might defeat in whole or in part the ultimate execution of the Master Plan. Therefore, I would like to move that the following actions be taken:

1. A public hearing should be set for January 22, 1976 at 2:30 p.m. to discuss amending the Austin Development Plan in the Lake Austin watershed to reduce the range of residential density from .5 to 3.0 units per acre to .5 units per acre until the implementation of the Lake Austin Development Plan.
2. The staff should prepare the draft of a new zoning district for the area within the existing City limits (below the 504.9 foot elevation). The general provisions of the new district would be (1) to include recognition of current zoning established by the City Council and current residential development.
(2) to limit undeveloped, platted lots and unplatted land to agricultural and/or recreational uses and (3) to make these provisions effective until the implementation of the Lake Austin Development Plan. The Planning Commission should set a public hearing at the earliest possible date.
3. The staff should proceed to develop alternative annexation proposals from Tom Miller Dam to Mansfield Dam to provide the Commission and City Council with greater zoning control."

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor
Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmember Himmelblau
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Linn

Mr. Lillie noted that he would be prepared for the interim density change and the staff and Planning Commission would proceed with items (2) and (3) of the above.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk