

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

September 18, 1975  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chambers  
301 West Second Street

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The meeting was called to order with Mayor Friedman presiding.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS EDUCATION  
WEEK

Mayor Friedman read and then presented a proclamation to Ms. Donna Madjerich, Mr. Zygmund Wlascinski and Mr. Guy West, proclaiming the week of September 21-27, 1975, as "Multiple Sclerosis Education Week" and urge all citizens to avail themselves of the current facts about Multiple Sclerosis.

One of the men thanked the Council for the proclamation, and noted its value to them in bringing the awareness that is so badly needed of this dread disease.

DOG WEEK

Mayor Friedman read and then presented a proclamation to Judy Darden and Charlene Cuthbert, proclaiming the week of September 21-27, 1975, as "Dog Week" and urge all citizens to observe this worthy occasion.

RESOLUTION

Mr. N. A. "Gib" Giblin, President of the Austin Board of Realtors, appeared before the Council and read a resolution from the Board of Realtors. The resolution urged the City of Austin and the County of Travis to comply with

their commitments to the Texas Highway Department and with their commitment to the long range traffic planning program of nearly ten years. In conclusion, Mr. Giblin pointed out that he didn't come before the Council to put up any aggravated argument or to complain about what the City has been doing. He felt that MoPac Boulevard should be opened up even though it will effect his neighborhood and family. To help alleviate some of the traffic problems now occurring in the City, Mr. Giblin urged the opening of all the ramps followed by a study. He expressed that he hopes MoPac is not out of date before it is opened.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Snell moved that the Council approve the Minutes for September 11, 1975. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Linn, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers  
Himmelblau, Hofmann, Linn  
Noes: None  
Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmembers  
Lebermann, Trevino

#### RELEASE OF EASEMENT

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

The south 628.33 feet of the ten (10.00) foot telephone easement that traverses Lot 1, Block C, Westover Hills, Section 6, Phase II. (Requested by Mr. Tom Spoons, representing the Westover Hills Church of Christ, owner of Lot 1, Block C)

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

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

#### STANDARD UTILITY AGREEMENT

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Standard Utility Agreement No. I 35-3(65)239 with the State of Texas Highway Department. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

## PARTICIPATION IN EXISTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Snell moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the request of the Texas Highway Department and Public Transportation for \$194,382 in state funding for participation in existing grant applications for mass transit capital assistance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

## SELECTION OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council select MR. TOM LASSETER for Architectural Services in connection with the following 1975 C.I.P Projects for the Parks & Recreation Department and the Health Department:

1. Removal of architectural barriers at several recreation centers  
C.I.P. Project No. 8605 1.
2. Montopolis Recreation Center renovations, C.I.P. Project No.  
8664 2.
3. Montopolis Community Center - Health Clinic, C.I.P. Project  
No. 9125 0.

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

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

## CONTRACTS AWARDED

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

MOORE BUSINESS FORMS, INC.  
827 West 12th Street  
Austin, Texas

- Utility Meter Documents,  
General Services Division.  
Used by Data Services for  
Water and Light Department -  
\$8,008.00

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

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

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

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION  
201 North St. Mary's Street  
San Antonio, Texas

- Repair parts, bushing and stem,  
Steam Chest, Unit #2, Holly  
Power Plant, Electric Utility  
Department.  
Items 1 and 2 - \$8,754.00

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

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

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contracts:

Bid Award:

- Oxygen, Acetylene, Hydrogen,  
Nitrogen, CO<sub>2</sub> and Argon.  
Various departments. Twelve  
Months Supply Agreement

BIG THREE INDUSTRIAL GAS &  
EQUIPMENT COMPANY  
4927 East Fifth Street  
Austin, Texas

- Item Nos. 1 thru 6 and 9 -  
\$19,860.50

AUSTIN OXYGEN COMPANY  
3519 East 5th Street  
Austin, Texas

- Item Nos. 7 and 8 - \$1,500.00

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

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

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

ANNANDALE SERVICE COMPANY  
4000 F Medical Parkway  
Austin, Texas

- Lift Station Alarm System,  
Wastewater Collection Division.  
Item 1 - \$8,460.00

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

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

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

BLAND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
P. O. Box 190  
Austin, Texas

- State Highway 71 - 12-inch  
Water Main - \$131,206.20

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

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

#### COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the Cooperation Agreement with the Urban Renewal Agency for relocating electrical utilities in the Brackenridge Urban Renewal Area, Tex. A-11-1. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

#### SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION POLICIES

Councilmember Linn stated that 2 changes were made in Alternate Resolution #2:

1. Paragraph 7 should read, when the City through its Planning Department and Water and Wastewater Department requires a subdivider or developer to install an oversized or additional water or wastewater line within his subdivision, etc.
2. Paragraph #8 should read, in accordance with specifications approved by the Director of Water and Wastewater Department, Director of Planning Department, or Director of Engineering, etc.

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt this resolution with the understanding that the Approach Main contracts will be dealt with separately as established 2 weeks ago. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Linn, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Friedman commented that this does not speak to those pending contracts. Discussion followed on the pending contracts. Councilmember Himmelblau commented that the Council had a list of the four categories of contracts that are pending.

Motion

Councilmember Himmelblau moved to honor the first three categories, which would be the 87 subdivisions; 29 where all utilities and streets and other improvements have been constructed meeting City specifications; 49 subdivisions in which water and sewer systems have been completed, but paving and other improvements have not been completed; and 9 subdivisions for which construction contracts have been signed for installation of water and sewer systems where the City has co-signed these contracts indicating approval of construction, specification and selection of a contractor.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Councilmember Himmelblau stated the cost to the City would be \$4,226,347.00. Mayor Friedman informed Councilmember Linn that this figure was the principal alone. Councilmember Himmelblau's motion would include leaving the interest out and paying just principal, particularly in the 2nd and 3rd categories.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lebermann.

Councilmember Lebermann stated that he felt a genuine sense of obligation on the part of the City in that the citizens were beginning their projects in good faith under the terms of a then extant policy and therefore, he felt that it was appropriate that the motion be passed.

Councilmember Linn commented that she felt a moral obligation to the citizens of Austin in that it is not to subsidize a private industry and she could not see why anyone should feel a moral obligation to a select group of people instead of the entire public.

Councilmember Himmelblau noted that she didn't believe it was to a select group. It was voted to phase it out and she felt that houses were going to escalate; and the people you are talking about protecting are going to be the ones hurt.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Trevino made a substitute motion that the contracts in category "A" be authorized; 29 subdivisions which have utilities and streets according to compliance with, at that time, City policy and no interest paid. This will indicate that the Council is concerned with the commitments that have been made. The Council does feel a moral obligation to fulfill, and henceforth, no more contracts. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: Councilmembers Lebermann, Linn and Himmelblau

The Mayor announced that the substitute motion had carried.

The Contracts authorized to proceed are as follows:

SUBDIVISION	PRINCIPAL	AMOUNT
Barton Terrace, Section 7A	Jack Andrewartha	\$ 10,719.98
Cherry Creek Commercial	Austex Development Co., Ltd.	3,333.65

SUBDIVISION	PRINCIPAL	AMOUNT
Delwood Terrace Commercial Area 2nd Resub. of Lot 2, Block E.	Austex Development Co., Ltd.	\$ 958.86
Meadowcreek Phase I, Section II	Provident Development Co.	31,037.60
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Travelodge International Inc., Subdivision No. 1	Travelodge International, Inc.	3,578.40
Windsor Park Commercial Area Lot 3A of the 2nd Resub.	Austex Development Co., Ltd.	819.00
Second Resub. of Tract 2 of the Allen Subdivision	Jones-Lake Development Co., Ltd.	1,199.14
Westgate Blvd. Street Dedica- tion	Austex Development Co., Ltd.	11,092.20
Angus Valley Annex, Section 2	Angus Development Corp.	31,095.27
Cherry Creek Phase 4 Section 2	Austex Development Co., Ltd.	116,970.74
Cherry Creek Phase 5 Section 1	Austex Development Co., Ltd.	27,067.17
Cherry Creek Phase 6 Sections 1 and 2	Austex Development Co., Ltd.	106,027.16
Balcones Woods Section 2	Austex Development Co., Ltd. Greater Northwest, Inc. Delbert E. McCullough	167,298.60
Northwest Hills Sections 14A & 14C	Austin Corporation	40,226.84
Lambert Park Subdivision	Capitol Mortgage Bankers, Inc.	13,395.92
Beaconridge II	Bill Milburn, Inc.	67,215.02
Forest North Estates Phase 3 Section 2	Raymond E. Mitchell	78,207.34
Runnymede	Joe T. Ogden-General Partner Jerry Wallace-Limited Partner Jerry N. Wallace-Limited Partner	26,340.83
Onion Creek Forest Sections 3 & 4	Edward R. Rathgeber Gary L. Thornton Jim Caskey	51,931.97
Rutland Drive Business Park Section 1	Trammell-Crow Company	30,752.10
Cinco Subdivision	Kirk Williams, Managing Partner	16,144.36
Westhill Estates Section 1	Travis Williamson	18,828.10
South Creek Center	Clear Creek Properties, Inc.	3,983.33
Franklin Park	John Selman	150,898.12
Zilker Heights Subdivision	Zilker Associates Ltd.	15,254.19
Coronado East Phase 3	Austex Development Co., Ltd.	21,508.01
Mesa Drive Street Dedication # III	Austin Corporation	21,970.89
Westover Hills Phase 6 Section 3 and Mesa Drive Street Dedication	Westover Hills Inc. Wally Mayfield Estate and others	6,986.27
TOTAL		\$1,113,193.93

Mayor Friedman made the following statement concerning the Policies:

"I think very clearly that each individual Councilmember has to determine what in their mind is moral and right for all sides of the issue. I don't think anyone can argue someone's predisposition on any issue, based on morality.

Those of us who feel we have to honor 29, felt that it is in fairness a decision that we came to because of the fact that although there may or may not be a legal requirement, there was some indication from the City that if you got your projects finished, you would comply with the project and the policy.

"I think that an attempt to be fair is all that can be asked of the Council. Had none of these been approved, I think the same words can be said, that this is a policy that everybody realized was subject to change at a moment's notice, that there is no guarantee that a City policy will continue more than the one week that it is in effect until the next Council meeting. This Council has worked with this for many years as has the industry, as has the homeowner. The additional payment, if that is what it is to be called, of a little over a million dollars over the next 25 years or so, or shorter, as they are paid off, is something that no one likes to have if we didn't have to; but I think in all fairness to all elements of the community, if we are going to try and balance equities that we have to at least speak to, then I think the Council has spoken to them. Those that were 100% completed prior to the cut-off date of September 5, have been honored. If we were to extend it one or 100 more, I think it becomes less tenable for us to go to face all the community and say we have tried to save the tax payers and the rate payers, which is really water rate payers problem, of their dollars.

"Some people are going to be left out in the cold and not happy. Other people are going to be satisfied that we tried to be fair, and others are going to say that we gave too much away. All I can say is, that for 4 years many of us on the Council and most of the staff have been arguing with this, and perhaps four years from now, we can forget this problem and work to build the City of Austin for a community of wholeness and not for polarization."

#### PASSAGE OF 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) LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4, BERGSTROM TERRACE NORTH SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1200-1230 OLD STATE HIGHWAY 71, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE, INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT AND "C" COMMERCIAL, SIXTH HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; AND,  
(2) TRACT 1: A 2,780 SQUARE FOOT TRACT OF LAND, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2003 EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE, FROM "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "C-2" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; AND,

TRACT 2: A 4,866.75 SQUARE FOOT TRACT OF LAND, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2011 EAST RIVERSIDE DRIVE, FROM "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "C-2" COMMERCIAL 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. (Thomas R. McElhenney, C14-75-075; Colorado Hills Estates, Inc., C14-75-082)

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE TO CHANGE A POLLING PLACE

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 750828-A ORDERING A SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON OCTOBER 4, 1975; PROVIDING FOR POLLING PLACES; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF THE BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR HOURS OF ABSENTEE VOTING; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL CANVASSING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE; CHANGING THE POLLING PLACE IN PRECINCT 420; AND SUCH OTHER ASPECTS AS ARE INCIDENTAL AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, 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 Linn, Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem  
Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND ELECTION DATE

Mayor Friedman moved that the Council set December 6, 1975, as the date for the Capital Improvements Bond Election. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Friedman instructed the City Attorney to prepare the necessary papers to have this posted.

#### CORRIDOR STUDY OF MOPAC BOULEVARD

Mayor Friedman stated that the Council had been faced with an untenable position, a position that no one had an answer for. Several accusations have been made of fighting over preserving one part of Austin while destroying another which really is not the issue at all. The real issue is trying to preserve neighborhood integrity in all parts of Austin. He felt that no definitive conclusions or statements as what to do with MoPac could be made

without proper data collected from a consultant hired by the Council to perform the task. There will be no relief for Northwest Austin as far as traffic is concerned, until sometime late 1977 or 1978. There needs to be found ways to make this street part of the integrated City street structure with the usage as the Highway Department is planning for but in a modified fashion. He urged the citizens to work together and wait for facts and figures of the proposed study. Due to lack of funds, there is still time to re-evaluate the input and construction of MoPac, if that is the decision to be made. Therefore, Mayor Friedman recommended to the Council that a consultant be employed to study MoPac and the MoPac Corridor. The parameters of the study to be completed and returned to the Council in April on MoPac should include the following:

1. The proposed extensions of MoPac to 360 and beyond F.M. 1325.
2. Should frontage roads be built? If the Council approves the study and given that the construction of these roads is not scheduled to begin until April of 1976, I would also like to suggest that the Council hold off approval of the purchase of the remaining tracts of land until the study can be completed, which will not cause any delay on construction. Otherwise, once the purchase has been completed, then the Highway Department will have the go ahead to begin the frontage roads, i.e., the Council will lose the ability to make any judgement based on the findings of the study.
3. If it is determined that the frontage roads are to be constructed, how are they to be built and what will they look like?
4. Traffic flow and the effect of MoPac on the feeder streets.
5. Noise control devices.
6. Permanent establishment of appropriate speed limits for truck traffic.
7. Landscaping and buffers.

Mayor Friedman suggested the following interim ideas that would control the road and minimize the effects on the neighborhoods along the corridor:

1. That speed limits be established at 40 miles per hour.
2. All truck traffic be prohibited, except vans and pick-ups. The guidelines for this should be similar to the ones set up for the Congress Avenue bridge.
3. Ramps be closed at Windsor and Enfield, unless the consultants hired to study MoPac determine a specified need for a specified period of time.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Snell's question, Mayor Friedman commented that a consultant should be hired within the next 2 weeks, and the study would be approximately 6 months. The recommendations gathered from the study by the consultant could or could not be acceptable to the Council. If the Council is in full agreement on the facts and figures, then it would be binding.

Mayor Friedman stated that the value of the property would depend on property values in the same area.

City Manager Davidson commented that many of the parcels being considered are of a critical nature. He felt that if the Council did not proceed with the purchase of the rights-of-way, in many cases the Council would have to start over, and the City would have to renegotiate with the people involved.

Councilmember Lebermann commended Mayor Friedman on the development of the parameters of the study; however, he felt that the Council was obligated to move ahead and purchase what is necessary. The rights-of-way are going to be needed, so there should be no feeling of overcommitment.

Mayor Friedman stated if all of the right-of-way is acquired, then there would be no point in having a study if the work is going to proceed before the Council has opportunity for input.

City Manager Davidson pointed out that the City does sign off construction plans before the Highway Department proceeds with any construction contract or final design. He suggested that the Council pass a resolution directing that the City Manager or any member of the administrative staff not approve or finally review or sign any Highway Department plans submitted for any section of MoPac until they have been reviewed by the Council.

Councilmember Himmelblau commented that the idea of the study is good, but she would like to proceed with the land acquisition that has been arranged so that there would not be escalating prices.

Mayor Friedman noted that there would be no instant relief. The delay of right-of-way would have no bearing on the relief.

City Attorney Don Butler stated that the contract was a two-way street, and it can't be ignored whether MoPac is liked or not. That the answer will be depending upon what the Highway Department expects the City to do. He stated that a contract was made and he felt that the City should enter into negotiations with the Highway Department.

Mayor Friedman read part of Mr. Travis Long's letter to the Council and added that there was no way of controlling the Highway Department's courtesy changes. He felt that some type of confirmation should be received from the Highway Department and then the Council could proceed.

#### Motion

Mayor Friedman moved that the Council approve the study as outlined and proceed to hire a consultant within the next 3 weeks and take no action on the right-of-way for 2 weeks pending discussion with the Highway Department. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers  
Hofmann, Linn, Trevino

Noes: Councilmembers Himmelblau\*, Lebermann\*

\*Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she believed the land should be acquired now.

\*Councilmember Lebermann commented also that the land should be acquired but was supportive of the study.

Acquisition of the following land would be postponed:

1. Two tracts of land being 0.49 and 0.21 of one acre out of that certain 384-acre tract out of the James P. Wallace Survey No. 18 (John Whatley)
2. 2.27 acres of land out of that certain 5.58-acre tract out of Tract 5B, Mrs. A. B. Payton Estate. (Texas Emulsions, Inc.)

#### HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCE

Mr. Dick Lillie, Director of the City Planning Department, opened the discussion by reviewing the current zoning ordinance. He stated that last spring the Council heard and approved a change in the comprehensive plan for the Motorola operation on Brodie Lane and requested that the staff look to amend or study the zoning ordinance to amend it to drop the necessity for hearing an issue twice. This amendment would annex property which has been approved by the Council as an industrial planned unit development, would annex it as an interim industrial classification, and a tying to that approval all the conditions that the Council has made to it. The amendment would tell the Council that there would be no need for a second public hearing. Mr. Lillie informed the Council that the amendment had been recommended by the Planning Commission.

In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question, Mr. Lillie commented that he knew of no disadvantages of the amendment. It has been discussed at the Commission level, and they feel it is an appropriate amendment to the ordinance.

Mr. Robert Sneed spoke in favor of the change. He commented that he appeared before the Council before, concerning the Motorola concept. Mr. Sneed felt that the City would have a major problem if the ordinance was not adopted. Under the proposed ordinance, Motorola and all that have been approved that are outside the requirement of so much greenbelt, and all of the standards which are for the protection of the public and people in the areas would then be maintained. He felt that the ordinance was necessary so the planned development areas would still be under the requirement of the limitations set forth in the contract.

Mr. Hoyle Osborne, Planning Consultant representing the Save Our Lake Group, appeared before the Council. He stated that they were not concerned with the Planned Development Area situation. This area has a procedure that goes before the Planning Commission and before the Council. In regard to the Planned Unit Development provision part of the amendment, he felt there was a complicated situation. The problem with the amendment would be that it formalizes the exclusion of the Council in the land use decisions. Mr. Osborne recommended that an opportunity be given to the staff and law department to see if there are any alternatives to the amendment that can be developed. He urged moving ahead with the Planned Development Area provision.

Mr. Lillie noted that the Planned Unit Development is a subdivision in the County and therefore would fall within the purview of the Planning Commission. It would become a zoning matter when it becomes annexed. He stated further that if a plan meets all the requirements of the ordinance and state law then one could not deny the plat.

Councilmember Linn pointed out that the legislature had recently passed a bill that allows the Council to take the authority to make itself the final approving body on subdivisions which would include Planned Unit Developments.

City Manager Davidson noted that the trend in other cities was that the Council delegate more of the planning decisions to Council appointed planning Commission or zoning board. The reason for this being that as the City grows and the issues become more complex, the Council would not have time to take care of everything. Mayor Friedman commented that if the Council accepted the extra work, then they would be meeting 7 days a week and increasing the work load.

Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she would hate to see the Council go ahead with the subdivision per se because the specifications for subdivisions are rather a straight line, and she did not think the Council needs to get into the subdivision business; therefore it should be kept with the Planning Commission. Mayor Friedman stressed that in conjunction with the development of a new Master Plan there was work being done on revising the subdivision ordinance.

Mr. Osborne suggested that possibly the master plan provision could be amended paralleling the planned development area section. Mr. Lillie reiterated this commenting that a Planned Unit Development could be treated as a master plan change which would come before the Council automatically.

Mr. Woodrow Sledge appeared before the Council and stated that in the past undesirable densities and uses have been "grandfathered" and fixed in areas prior to the development of enough residents to oppose them. He hoped this wasn't going to happen in this situation.

Mr. Lillie noted that a serious problem in Texas was that cities do not have any real authority beyond the corporate limits other than subdivision.

In response to Mayor Friedman's question of proceeding as suggested, Mr. Osborne pointed out the effect this would cause on any particular development. Therefore, he felt hesitant to proceed with the whole plan, but did suggest moving ahead with the first part. Mr. Osborne indicated a definite problem with all Planned Unit Developments that are submitted outside the City limits.

Mr. Lillie felt that the question of annexation was not before the Council and until it does arise the Council could proceed on the matter.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 45-14(d) OF CHAPTER 45 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN OF 1967, PROVIDING THAT AREAS ANNEXED WHILE DESIGNATED AS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREAS (PDA) SHALL BE ZONED AS INTERIM "D" INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT AND SHALL CONTINUE SUBJECT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA AGREEMENT IN EFFECT; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### HEARING ON VACATING A STRIP OF LAND

Mayor Friedman opened the public hearing on the passage of an ordinance concerning the following:

Vacating a strip of land 2.73 feet by 24.3 feet abutting Lot 1 of Hooper's Resubdivision of part of Block 104, Original City of Austin, said strip being on the south side of West 9th Street, east of West Avenue. (Requested by Harry Vine, III, representing Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray, owners of Lot 1 of Hooper's Resubdivision)

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF WEST 9TH STREET, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council close the public hearing, 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 Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann, Linn, Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Mayor Friedman

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### ZONING HEARING

Mayor Friedman announced that the Council would hear the zoning case scheduled for public hearing at this time. Pursuant to published notice thereof, the following zoning application was publicly heard:

WESTOVER HILLS,  
INC.  
By Roy Bechtol  
C14-75-002

Southeast corner of  
FM 2222 and Loop 360

From "A" Residence  
1st Height and Area  
To 361 single-family dwelling  
units with common open space  
and recreation called, "The  
Courtyard", a Planned Unit  
Development (continued)

WESTOVER HILLS,  
INC. (continued)

RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission, subject to departmental requirements and grant a variance to allow 15-foot building setbacks from the streets; to reduce the right-of-way to 50 feet with 30-foot paving widths on Scout Island Circle and Club Drive; and to allow no cutting or filling on slopes greater than 30%.

Mayor Friedman opened the discussion by stating that he would be abstaining from participating in the vote due to living on Lake Austin almost directly in line with Bull Creek.

Mr. Dick Lillie, Planning Department Director, informed the Council that the project known as "The Courtyard" was before them in August at which time a public hearing was held and action deferred until a report from the Environmental Board could be made. All of the reports relating to the project were submitted to the Council. A public hearing was scheduled by the Environmental Board to review activity on Lake Austin. At this time a memorandum was submitted to them dealing with "The Courtyard" which stated the City's jurisdiction over the project. He noted that this matter was a subdivision and a zoning subject. The subdivision has been approved by the Planning Commission. Mr. Lillie pointed out the issue that the Council needs to consider is the area of zoning. If the Council approves this area, the Planning Department has submitted a memorandum to the Council indicating the conditions that would have to be met prior to the issuance of an ordinance. These would include the following:

1. Showing the 25- and 100-year flood plains and City Limit Line (504.9 contour elevation) on site plan.
2. Creek Development Permit approval.
3. Separate application and approval of the Navigation Board for any alteration of the shore-line or any construction extending into the lake.
4. Separate zoning request and approval required for 0.43-acre tract designated "C" Commercial between Bull Creek and FM Road 2222.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Lillie stated that the Environmental Board did not review "The Courtyard." They reviewed a proposal for development on the lake.

Mr. Maury Hood, associated with Westover Hills, appeared before the Council. He noted that environmental studies concerning the site have been conducted over the past 5 years. The Environmental Office has stated that the development is an example of a well-planned Planned Unit Development. There was delay in presenting this plan due to Loop 360 not being completed as well as the

cross town sewer. Both are scheduled for completion by January, therefore making this area ready for homes. Mr. Hood reviewed how the construction of the area would produce jobs for construction workers. He felt that his department could meet all requirements by the staff. At this point, Mr. Hood referred to the agreement prepared by his staff in which it was stated that the agreement would be a covenant that would be binding.

Mr. Hood pointed out there were two reasons why he was appearing before the Council:

1. He needed to know what the intended use of the land below 504.9 would be.
2. That the area known as "Greenbelt" will remain green and this would be a covenant with the City and the owners of the homes.

He requested that the Council approve the Planned Unit Development, subject to staff recommendations and subject to the non-development agreement that has been presented and reviewed by the City Attorney. In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question, Mr. Hood stressed he supported the Lake Austin study, and that his plans will abide by and be in tone with the recommendations of the study.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell felt that part of the agreement should be that in addition to the Development Plan Study and 2 years before any construction could begin that they return after the study was completed. Mr. Hood assured the Council that no building would take place until a study was completed.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Lillie stated that if the Council denied the portion which was in the City limits, it would fall on the staff's position to decide it if would alter the plan. Before anything could be constructed, it would have to come before the Council. Councilmember Linn felt the best control would be no ordinance at all. Mr. Lillie commented this was true, or a 2-year guarantee that they would not build in the area as noted.

In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question concerning a contingency plan, Mr. Lillie pointed out that there may be no plan of this type.

Mr. Hood asked the Council to approve the plan so there would be a greenbelt on both sides of Bull Creek for the lot owners.

Mr. Hoyle Osborne spoke in opposition to the application. He recognized Mr. McClelland and Mr. Corbin Johnson. He then presented a drawing of the proposed areas. In regard to the plan itself, he felt there were 2 issues involved:

1. Access to the commercial areas involved would be through residential streets and a single-family portion of the development. He did not feel the commercial areas were well-defined.
2. He felt concern over the flood issue, especially with regard to the pier homes.



Mr. Osborne distributed maps to the Council prepared by the Environmental Resource Management Staff, showing the extent of the development proposals and actual development activities in the Lake Austin area. He felt that a substantial issue was involved that major development was being planned in one form or the other. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Osborne stated that the recommended density of the Environmental Board would be one unit for every 2 acres. "The Courtyard" overall density would be considerably higher.

Mr. Corwin Johnson, a member of the Save Our Lake group, appeared before the Council. He read to the Council a portion of a letter asking the Council to consider the entire plan.

The City Attorney pointed out that he felt no one was ignoring what was happening elsewhere. The only thing the Council can do is act in a zoning case. In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question, City Attorney Butler indicated that what the agreement would be is that all construction would be postponed until the Lake Austin Development Plan is completed. As regards the controls, there would be none.

Mr. Alvin Golden stressed the intent in the plan would be to allow the Council to enact some ordinances controlling development on the lake. He stated that he was not adverse to changing the agreement in any way if the City Attorney felt it would accomplish the expressed motive, which is to delay any development for a reasonable amount of time to give the Council time to do the lake study and then enact enabling legislation. In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question concerning a contingency, he stated that there was no contingency plan per se. He felt that when the Lake Austin study plan comes out, it will permit water related uses on or near the lake.

Mr. Golden commented that the group involved had been working for 2 years with various departments of the City in meeting every staff requirement and doing intensive land studies. He pointed out this should be a good indication that the developers of "The Courtyard" will develop the property with proper controls and proper consideration.

Mr. Hood stressed to the Council that approval of the plan today would not enact an ordinance.

City Attorney Butler stated that he was not impressed with the covenant especially for the City. He was concerned about future owners of the property if rezoning has to be done.

Councilmember Hofmann noted that she did not want all of her criticism to be taken as bad because she did feel an enormous amount of work had been done and did recognize the good intention as manifested in the resolution.

Mr. Golden asked the citizens in favor of the project to please stand.

#### Motion

Councilmember Linn moved that no action be taken on "The Courtyard." The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the project be approved for a Planned Unit Development, as recommended by the Planning Commission subject to conditions, and in addition subject to the restrictions as presented by the staff to the Council. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: Councilmembers Linn, Hofmann  
Abstain; Mayor Friedman

The Mayor announced that the motion carried.

## MEETING RECESSED

The Council recessed at 12:45 p.m.

EVENING SESSION  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Friedman called the recessed meeting from 10:00 A.M. to order.

## TRAFFIC CONTROLS - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

City Manager Davidson called on Mr. Allen Brecher, Assistant Director, Urban Transportation Department, who presented to the Council a report which had been requested by Councilmember Lebermann. The report was a study of the City's criteria for traffic controls to be used in locations having concentrations of mobility impaired individuals and senior citizens, as well as better and safer access to the State School for the Blind. Based on the study, the following action will be taken:

1. Install pedestrian traffic signal on 45th Street, east of Bellvue and on North Loop, east of Hancock Drive.
2. Build sidewalks along major streets and in residential areas.
3. Provide a bus turnout on the east side of Burnet Road just north of 45th Street.

The City is working with various State agencies regarding their participation in the sidewalk program, and would be reporting back to the Council on specific locations of sidewalks to be installed by the City under the Capital Improvements Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell moved that the Council accept the report and proceed. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Linn, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Lebermann

EMERGENCY ITEM  
PARADE PERMIT GRANTED

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council approve a parade permit on Friday, September 19, 1975, for Students Helping Academic Freedom at Texas, with the following route:

Depart the University of Texas at approximately 12:30 P.M.  
West on 24th Street to Lamar. Cross Lamar to Windsor Road.  
Proceed on Windsor Road to Pease Road. Continue on Pease  
Road to Niles Road and then to Watchill Road. From Watchill  
Road to Woodlawn, then to Windsor Road. Proceed on Windsor  
Road to Meadowbrook to Clearview. Travel on Clearview to  
Hill Oaks and terminate the march there.

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

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

Noes: None

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Lebermann

Mayor Friedman stated that the item had been posted at 1:45 P.M. as an emergency item. Approximately 2,000 to 3,000 people would participate in the march, which was expected to last about three hours.

PUBLIC HEARING ON OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Friedman opened the public hearing scheduled for 7:00 P.M. to discuss the 1975-76 operating budget. The operating budgets of each City Department were discussed as follows:

Mayor and Council

No one appeared to be heard.

City Manager

No one appeared to be heard.

Municipal Court

No one appeared to be heard.

Construction Management

No one appeared to be heard.

Office of Environmental Resource Management

No one appeared to be heard.

Research and Budget Office

No one appeared to be heard.

Tax Department

No one appeared to be heard.

City Attorney

No one appeared to be heard.

City Clerk

Councilmember Linn stated that she thought the Council should try to find some extra money for Mrs. Monroe.

Mayor Friedman stated that as hard as the City Clerk worked, she was also the lowest paid Department Head. The Council was looking for ways to remedy the situation as much as possible.

Personnel Department

Mr. Paul Gray, representing the Communications Workers of America (CWA), presented to the City Attorney a \$1,000 check to pay the Union's share of the upcoming October 17th dues checkoff election.

He then proposed the following items:

1. Grant the vast majority of City employees an immediate across the board pay raise of \$100 per month.
2. The City should pay total costs of hospital and basic life insurance for all employees and dependents.
3. Grant each employee a holiday on the employee's birthday.
4. Grant City employees full protection of a complete grievance and arbitration provision so that problems can be handled as promptly as possible.
5. The City should increase its share of monies paid into the retirement system and reduce employee contributions.
6. Step increases within classifications should be built-in and automatic and should be prompt on the employee's anniversary date.

7. Provide City employees with a fair and equal opportunity for advancement, taking into account the employee's tenure and ability.

The total package would cost \$112 per employee and could be financed under the City Manager's proposed budget with no new taxes. He submitted his proposals in writing.

Mr. Don McCullar, representing A.F.S.C.M.E., proposed the following items:

1. The City should grant employees at least a \$100 per month pay raise.
2. Go to an escalator-type program to cover cost-of-living increases.
3. The City should pay the entire cost of the insurance program for employees and dependents.
4. The City should pay each employee \$4.00 per month for longevity for each year of service the same as is now being paid to Police and Fire Department employees.
5. Shift differentials should be paid to all employees who do shift work.
6. The City should have a policy to pay an employee for the job he performs.
7. The City should automatically grant the step or merit increase that the employee is entitled to, unless it is determined that the employee is not entitled to the increase.
8. The City should take a close look at salaries being paid to minorities in the technical and professional categories, since the City pay scale is well below the level in private industry and government.

Eventually, the Union would like to discuss other conditions of employment with the City, such as the sick leave program, retirement, overtime pay, holidays, vacation, seniority rights and a grievance procedure. The Union had analyzed the City's proposed budget and was attaching its findings to the foregoing proposal.

Mr. Jim Lumpkin, Assistant Manager, Brackenridge Hospital laundry, requested that the City grant at least a \$100 per month raise for all City employees, instead of the recommended 7 per cent increase.

#### Planning

Mr. Will Wilson, representing the Save Our Lake Association, stated that his organization was endorsing the funding of the special planning for the drainage area of Lake Austin.

Community Services Administration

No one appeared to be heard.

Human Relations Commission

No one appeared to be heard.

Public Information

Mr. Donald Bell spoke in favor of the mobile City Hall, which Mr. Glenn Cootes had requested.

Data Systems

No one appeared to be heard.

Finance

No one appeared to be heard.

Auditing

No one appeared to be heard.

Property Management

No one appeared to be heard.

Purchases and Stores

No one appeared to be heard.

Police Department

Mr. Don Bell suggested that parking meter fines be increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Sgt. Doynne Bailey, President, Austin Police Association, stated that the Association recommended an overall 11% pay increase, with the highest percentage (15%) going to patrolmen. The amount requested was \$285,000 over the amount recommended by the City Manager. The Association also recommended the following:

1. Incentive pay for policemen who hold certificates approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards in Education requirements. Holders of an Advanced Certificate would receive \$100 per month more and holders of the Intermediate Certificate would receive \$50 per month more.
2. More pay for individuals in supervisory positions.
3. Reconsider the proposed cuts in staffing, but put more personnel into planning and research and offer training assignments for patrolmen to qualify them to work in CID.

In response to Councilmember Trevino's question, Sgt. Bailey stated that the proposed incentive pay was not included in the \$285,000 figure, but would amount to about \$109,000. In response to Mayor Friedman's question, Sgt. Bailey stated that the \$285,000 figure did not include the salaries for additional officers. In response to Councilmember Trevino's question, Sgt. Bailey stated that he did not have figures available for the incentive pay plus the additional manpower requests.

In response to Councilmember Lebermann's question, Sgt. Bailey stated that he felt that the retirement plan for the Police Department was the single most important issue which concerned the Association. He did not understand why the plan could not be revised. Councilmember Hofmann stated that at the last meeting of the Retirement Board it was agreed that there be a general survey of the entire retirement system.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Sgt. Bailey stated that the pay increase was the most important proposal of the ones he had presented.

Mr. Jeff Jones asked how much money was being spent for Vice Squad operations. Chief Miles stated that the Vice Squad was composed of one lieutenant and six sergeants. No domestic intelligence was included in the budget. In response to Mr. Jones question, Chief Miles stated that officers were assigned to various details as follows:

Special Service (Narcotics)	- 12 Sergeant Investigators 2 Lieutenants
Burglary	- 12 Sergeants 1 Lieutenant
Theft	- 14 Sergeants 1 Lieutenant
Auto Theft	- 8 Sergeants 1 Lieutenant

City Manager Davidson stated that Chief Miles had the flexibility of changing assignments 90 days after budget approval depending upon priorities at the time.

Councilmember Linn asked that future budgets be broken down into functional areas so that the Council could see how much money was being spent in each functional area.

Mr. Jones was concerned over the amount of money being spent in the narcotics squad. He suggested that the amount be halved and the money put into a rape squad. Mayor Friedman invited Mr. Jones to attend a press conference at 1:30 P.M. on Friday which would speak directly to what Mr. Jones was referring to.

Ms. Arlene Lyons, Director, Rape Crisis Center, supported the Austin Police Association's proposals, particularly in upgrading of training for police personnel. She felt that the care that victims of sexual abuse and rape received was very dependent upon the treatment received from the Police Department.

Fire Department

Captain A. C. Frohnappfel, representing the Austin Firefighters Association, asked the Council to consider the disparity between the pay for the Fire and Police Departments. Several years ago, the Fire Department had taken a cut in hours, rather than a pay increase which separated the pay scales considerably between the two Departments. The pay difference had been referred to in a letter circulated to the Council last week.

Urban Transportation

Mr. Donald Bell asked that the City bus system be expanded so that the buses operated for longer hours.

Building Inspection

No one appeared to be heard.

Public Works

No one appeared to be heard.

Engineering

No one appeared to be heard.

Health Department

No one appeared to be heard.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Garland O'Quinn asked that the Assistant Supervisor classification in the Department be upgraded from pay range 6 to pay range 14. Ms. Nancy McCollum spoke to the same issue, but pointed out that the job classification was Recreational Leader 6. She asked that the classification be upgraded to pay range 12 or 14 with an Assistant Supervisor's classification.

Mr. Arturo Gil, Vice President, Pan American Recreation Center Advisory Board, was concerned about program and personnel cutbacks at Pan American Recreation Center, particularly the paint sniffing program at Santa Rita Courts and the boxing program. In response to Councilmember Trevino's question regarding the cost of cutting back the paint sniffing program, Mr. Gil called on Mr. Ramon Garza, East Recreation District Supervisor (Pan American Recreation Center Director.) Mr. Garza stated that the 50% cut would mean cutting one person. The current program ran from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., four days a week.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Mr. Garza stated that the program entailed the following:

1. Open or free play program plus classes (cooking, sewing and arts and crafts) at Santa Rita.



2. Regular sports program with a leader.
3. Roving leader who worked with hard reaches through a contract with Mental Health-Mental Retardation.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Jack Robinson stated that the 50% cut would be \$3,240 from the basic budget. He pointed out how small the amount was, but that it was significant to that community.

In response to Councilmember Trevino's question, Mr. Robinson stated that \$10,424 had been budgeted in a supplemental account to cover the salary of Mr. A. B. Cantu, who handled the boxing program. The money was not in the basic budget because it was a new position. Manpower funds had been used to pay the 1975 salary, and it was understood that Mr. Cantu's employment would be continued if the position were funded in the budget.

Judge Bob Perkins, Board Member of the Pan American Recreation Center, asked that if operating hours of the centers were to be cut, that they be left flexible, to be determined by the Center administrator. He suggested that one hour a day be cut from the regular schedule so that the Center could be open from 1:00 to 6:00 on Sunday. Judge Perkins also asked if it would be possible for the Board to raise money to keep the center open for a given number of hours and to pay the staff. City Attorney Butler stated that a contractual arrangement probably could be worked out, but that ultimately it would be the Council's decision.

Mr. Joe Bowden spoke in favor of Pan American Recreation Center and Mr. A. B. Cantu and pointed out how both had done good things for the community.

Mr. Hector Varela, member of the Advisory Board, Montopolis Recreation Center, was concerned about the proposed cutbacks at the Center. He asked the Council not to make the cutbacks.

Mr. Johnny Rios, boxing coach of the Neighborhood Center in Manor, felt that more recreation leaders should be employed and that operating hours of the centers should be extended. He also stated that the leaders should be paid better because of their importance to the community in helping young people who might be headed for trouble.

Mr. Mark Lett, Recreation Director, Travis State School, requested that the \$168,000 in options be returned to the budget.

#### Office of Bicentennial Affairs

No one appeared to be heard.

#### Libraries

Councilmember Hofmann asked Mr. David Holt's opinion on lengthening library hours at the Central Library from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Sunday. The cost of the additional hours would be about \$107,000.

Mr. Holt stated that library usage at the Central Library was up 33% from last year. Crowds on evenings and weekends were extremely high. He felt that the library would be used heavily if it were open longer in the evenings. Mayor Friedman stated that staying open longer would invite nonresidents of the City to use the library.

Vehicle and Equipment Services

No one appeared to be heard.

Building Maintenance

No one appeared to be heard.

Printing Services

No one appeared to be heard.

Brackenridge Hospital

Mr. Donald Bell asked that money be diverted from construction and used to upgrade hospital services.

Auditorium and Convention Center Fund

No one appeared to be heard.

Municipal Airport Fund

No one appeared to be heard.

Municipal Golf Fund

No one appeared to be heard.

Human Resources Fund

No one appeared to be heard.

Ambulance Fund

No one appeared to be heard.

Transit Fund

No one appeared to be heard.

Utility Fund

Water

Mr. Ronald Dildine, an employee of the Water and Wastewater Department, suggested that the City start an employee incentive program whereby employees would get 10% of any amount the City would save from an employee suggestion.

Electric Utility

Mr. Jim Ruston, an employee of the Electric Department, also supported the incentive program idea suggested by Mr. Dildine.

Wastewater

No one appeared to be heard.

Debt Retirement Funds

No one appeared to be heard.

Special Service Contracts

Prior to hearing the Special Service Contracts, Mayor Friedman called upon Mr. Jim Strickland, who had just returned from the Southern Governors' Conference.

Mr. Strickland stated that on Monday the Southern Governors' Conference had passed a resolution asking the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to place a moratorium on certain portions of the Title XX regulations which were to go into effect on October 1, 1975. Child care alone in Austin would have to spend an additional \$90,000 to implement the new guidelines. He was concerned that most of the programs funded under Title XX would be effected by the new regulations.

Mr. Strickland read a resolution to the Council requesting the moratorium and asked that the Council consider passing it. Mayor Friedman stated that the item would be placed on the next agenda.

The Council then began discussion of the categorical grants.

Afro-American Players

Mr. Freddy Gardner, Director, Afro-American Theater, stated that his group would like to double its performances this year and asked the Council again to fund them. He also asked that a van be made available to transport sets and other equipment.

In response to Mayor Friedman's question, Mr. Gardner stated that there was no other source of funding.

Arts Council of Austin

Mayor Friedman stated that basically this group had been replaced.

Austin Association for Retarded Citizens  
Camp Horizon Program

Ms. Carol Whitcraft, past President, Austin Association for Retarded Citizens, described the Camp Horizon program for the Council. There were about 9,000 mentally retarded people in Austin who were using daily community activities and facilities and about 2,700 in residence at State schools.

Under the proposed funding level, Camp Horizon could only serve 25 people instead of the desired 140 individuals. Ms. Whitcraft urged the Council to fund the program at the requested \$16,000 level.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Ms. Whitcraft stated that last year the Camp served 77 children on \$7,900. CDC had recommended that 100 children be served for ten weeks on \$7,600.

There was discussion as to the total funding of the Camp and the sources of funding. Mr. G. E. Williams explained that most of the funding came from MHMR. Eventually the Parks and Recreation Department would take over the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell asked Mr. Williams to furnish him an ethnic breakdown of the Camp Horizon staff, and Mr. Williams agreed to supply it.

#### The Austin Child Guidance Center

Dr. Durwood Bell, Director of the Center, appeared before the Council and stated that the request for \$84,000 is necessary in order to maintain the last years' level of programming for the Child Guidance Center. There is an increase in funding being asked because funding had been lost from other sources.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Dr. Bell stated that some of the funds were from the Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center. They were lost because there was a disagreement in terms of philosophy of service delivery. The Guidance Center felt very strongly that in order to provide quality children's mental health services a great deal of special attention is needed. Also the combining of children's services and adult services just does not work out. The Guidance Board was not able to effectively administer the funds they were receiving into resources they could control. The Board could not carry out policies unless they coincided with the MHMR Center.

Dr. Bell stated that last year the center served 1100 children and also served 900 adults.

#### Austin Community College

Request was withdrawn.

#### Austin Community Nursery

Mr. Neil Blanton, Chairman of the Board of the Austin Community Nursery school, referred to the summary report that had been prepared. He noted that the day care center had been in existence for 34 years. The center was trying to obtain funds to match with DPW funds to open a new school in north Austin where there is no day care to serve housing projects. The center serves children from ages 2-5.

#### Austin Community Television

Ms. Sally Sullivan, President, Austin Community Television, felt that her organization could augment the services of various governmental and private agencies within the City.

Ms. Norman Guerra, representing Juarez-Lincoln University, urged the Council to endorse and support ACTV and asked that studies be made regarding the feasibility of using ACTV to its fullest potential to provide more and better services to the City.

Mr. John Kerr, Regional Public Information Officer, Department of Public Welfare, endorsed ACTV.

Ms. Susan Lee, with Inter Art Works, stated that the group was involved in a project in a South Austin elementary school whereby the arts were being used as a tool to teach history. The focus was on the contribution of the contribution of ethnic groups to American history as a Bicentennial project. Video tapes of the project would be shown on ACTV.

Dr. Lewis Watts, Jr., North Austin Optimist Club, read excerpts from a letter which the Club had sent to ACTV. The Club had been active in producing several video tapes through ACTV and was planning to expand if ACTV could be assured of continued funding.

In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question, Ms. Sullivan stated that new FCC regulations going into effect January 1, 1976, covering cable TV would cover very little of what ACTV was currently doing.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Ms. Sullivan stated that Austin Independent School District provided no funds to ACTV.

#### Austin Council on Alcoholism

Mr. Chris Whitcraft, President, Austin Council on Alcoholism, stated that the organization had been funded as an education agency by the United Way since 1956. A grant request for \$28,000 had been turned down by both CDC and Research and Budget on the grounds that education in the field was the job of Austin MHMR. Since last March, MHMR had been furnishing an education director to the Austin Council on Alcoholism and was paying his salary. MHMR thought they could continue the program next year.

Mr. Whitcraft was requesting \$2,800 to support the education position because support funds would not be forthcoming from other sources.

#### Austin Rape Crisis Center

Ms. Patricia Davis, President, Board of Directors, Austin Rape Crisis Center, and a Probation Officer, stated that the Center had handled 295 rape-related cases in a little over a year. 48% of those cases involved boys and girls under the age of 15. The Center had been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Criminal Justice Council, which was awaiting the Governor's signature. The Austin Child Guidance Center had been the only local mental health agency which was responsive to the emergency needs of rape victims. She asked that the Council also support the Austin Child Guidance Center.

Austin Rehabilitation Center

Mr. Gil Ortiz stated that the Center dealt with alcohol-related offenders and had been in service for 5 years. Most of the funds for the Center's operation came from Travis County. His request for \$45,190 from the City represented one-third of the entire budget.

Austin Symphony

Mr. Tabor, representing the Symphony, stated that the concerts for children and other Austin citizens were free of charge. None of the money provided by the City was spent for contractual services for the regular subscription concerts nor was any money spent for the restoration project, Symphony Square. \$21,000 of the budgeted amount was earmarked for administration by the Parks and Recreation Department for musical support of the ballets and choral organizations. The orchestra was 100% union and was in its 64th year of operation.

Austin Tenants Council

Ms. Cicely Sims stated the request had been modified to fund 2 staff members at \$15,000. The Council served 120,000 Austin tenants and had handled 7,200 telephone calls since coming into existence in 1972. The Council had been funded in the past by VISTA volunteers, who were no longer working for the Council. There would be no Tenants' Council without City funding. In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question, Ms. Sims stated that the Council provided information and mediated disputes between tenants and owners. Councilmember Hofmann wondered if the Austin Apartment Association could not help with funding. Mr. Rich Elmer, President of the Austin Apartment Association, appeared to represent the Board of Directors. In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question, Mr. Elmer stated that the Association was currently strapped for funds and could contribute no support.

Ms. Sims felt that it might not be appropriate to take money from the Apartment Association since the Center's primary function was to serve tenants. Mr. Donald Bell suggested that the Tenants Council be combined with the Travis County Consumer and Housing Office. Mr. Royal O'Malley, staff member, Travis County Consumer and Housing Office, did not think it would be good to combine the two groups.

Mr. Jim Boyle, President of the Texas Consumer Association, stated that the Association strongly supported and asked the Council to support the Austin Tenants Council. Mr. Chuck Waddle stated that he had served for one and one-half years as coordinator for the Council. He felt that the Council should fund two people to make the Council effective.

In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question, Ms. Sims stated that since 1972, the Council had operated out of the East First Street Neighborhood Center and had received in-kind services, such as rent and utilities. She asked that those services be continued.

Austin Travis County MHMR

Mr. Bill Hill, Chairperson, Austin Travis County MHMR, introduced the three City-appointed Board Members of the organization, plus other advisory and staff members. He then called on Mr. John Weimer to make his presentation.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Weimer stated that about 12% of the budget was for administrative costs. The Patient Data System and certain evaluation and research projects were included in administrative costs. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Weimer stated that most of the 12% figure would be for salaries of administrators. In response to Mayor Friedman's question, Mr. Weimer stated that he could show each agency being funded by MHMR through budget documents and workload reports.

In response to Mayor Friedman's question, Mr. Weimer stated that from a staff standpoint, he saw no problem with the Council's earmarking funds to certain agencies for distribution by MHMR, but that there might be some concern by the Board of Trustees. Mayor Friedman stated that he was trying to avoid duplication of requests.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Weimer stated that not all of MHMR's psychologists and social workers were licensed. Mr. Hill responded that the agency was responsible for delivery of services to the community.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked why the Darrell Royal Workshop was changed from a sheltered workshop to sheltered work training. Mr. Hill stated that the Workshop program had not been altered much. Only a part of the program concerned training and evaluation. In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question regarding a staff occupational therapist, Mr. David Williams stated that the Texas Education Agency partially sponsored the sheltered work training and required that persons heading up such training be certified as special educators. Occupational therapy certification was not required. Some support also came from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, which had investigated the sheltered workshop training and determined that Class I standards were being met.

Mr. Williams also commented on the issue of quality with regard to licensing. The Center had a structure for clinical supervision and peer supervision of case work and clinical work which was not found in private practice. The structure was one of the vehicles of protection which MHMR offered its clients. In response to Councilmember Linn's question as to why the people were not licensed, Mr. Williams stated that not enough licensed applicants were available. He referred to a recent licensing act for clinical psychiatric social workers, and stated that many people in that category were not licensed. In response to Councilmember Linn's question as to how many unlicensed individuals were working in therapy, Mr. Williams stated that he did not know, that the Center concentrated on the staff's effectiveness, record keeping and clinical intervention to maintain quality. Licensing had not been focused upon because it was not always possible to tell what a license meant.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question regarding the measurement of a program's effectiveness, Mr. Williams stated that methods of evaluation were available both for populations and individuals. He then referred to several recent studies conducted by the Center.

There was further discussion among the Council regarding whether to give money directly to an agency or channel it through MHMR. Mayor Friedman stated that the Council had more control over MHMR by channeling funds through them.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Williams stated that the Center had 9,000 clients in direct service as of August 31st. For indirect service, at least 6,000 clients had been handled each year for the past three years, including the infant-parent program for developmentally disabled youngsters. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Williams indicated that the Center had a staff of 272 people. Approximately 194 people were in direct and indirect service. Mr. Hill stated that there were 43 clerical employees with 33 in managerial and professional categories. The clients contribute on a sliding scale according to ability to pay. Last year the fee collected was \$150,000 out of 4 million dollars.

Councilmember Linn requested that Mr. Hill obtain the figure of how many unlicensed social workers and psychologists the center has employed.

Mr. Hill noted that there are 16 buildings operated with 24 programs; therefore, utilities, transportation and facility require the bulk of the expenses. The ethnic breakdown of the staff was reviewed and 17% of the professional staff are Spanish surname and a little over 10% are of Negro ancestry.

The budget request was noted to be around \$600,000 but in order to maintain the 26 programs now operating would require from \$250,000 to \$300,000. Donna Burnaham, advisory board vice-chairman of the Rosewood Human Development Center, represented some of the people who receive services from the Rosewood Center. Roughly, the people served by the Center are 75% black, 15% Anglo, 10% Mexican-American. Ms. Burnaham supported MHMR in their request for certain funds to aid the community programs. One change would be combining the Rosewood Center and East 1st Center to save money. She felt that there should be full service mental health centers in East Austin in order to adequately meet the needs of multi-culture East Austin population. Ms. Burnaham recommended that the funding be increased to Austin Travis County MHMR and support the recommendation that the funds be audited as requested, and to insure appropriate use in the target areas.

Donald Bell informed the Council that at present he was a client of the Day Treatment Center on Collier Street. Mr. Bell disagreed with Councilmember Linn as regards the licensing. He felt that what the people had to offer of themselves was more important than a license. He noted that he once was a drug abuser and the MHMR Center helped him a great deal. As far as the staff is concerned, they are short one staff member at the present time. In conclusion he requested that the full amount be funded as requested.

#### Humane Society

Mr. John Davenport, President of the Humane Society, stated that the request is a bare minimum. The amount requested is only 1/3 of the amount of their budget. He pointed out that several cities had been checked, and it showed that the animal control operation was a City function, and that the cost in each city for the operation was over one-half million dollars. Mr. Davenport hoped that they would be funded with one-fifth of that amount for the operation of the Society.



In regards to salaries, the administration expense would be \$9,000. CDC did not make a recommendation for funding, but recommended four steps which is contained in their general discussion on the first page of their presentation.

Mr. Davenport pointed out that some expansion had just been finished at the shelter which amounted to about \$300,000 and was done at no cost to the City.

Councilmember Linn inquired about the fixing of female dogs and not the males. She asked that all dogs be fixed.

City Manager Davidson commented that the staff does believe that the Humane Society does an excellent job of handling a part of the City's business, and he spoke to the probable cost to the City if they had to handle this operation.

#### United Cerebral Palsy

Darlene Cofman, representing the organization, directed the Council's attention to 4 persons in the audience who had been recipients in the program. She noted that the center was not functioning at the present time due to lack of funds. The age group involved in the program is from adolescent through the approximate age of 50. The program encourages educational experiences, recreation, socialization and opportunities to develop their present skills. Included in the funds for the program is the request for a bus for the center.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mrs. Cofman commented that at the present time there is no place for the people to go. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Snell's question, she stated that funds were not received from anywhere else.

#### Big Brothers

Mr. Forrest Cook, President of the Board of Big Brothers, stated that the funds were earmarked for 3 caseworkers and 1 secretary. He felt that the funding was needed to meet the growing demands of the community. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Cook commented that at the present there are 8 staff members paid from a number of sources such as United Fund, private contributions and a current proposal before the County. This proposal would include \$15,000 which would cover the position of a case-worker. At the present time Manpower is supporting this portion, but this will soon terminate.

It was noted that the Big Brothers program is currently serving 240 Big Brothers and 15 little sisters, but does not include the 140 unassigned boys. The ethnic composition is 32% Black, 31% Mexican-American and 38% Anglo.

#### Boys Club

Mr. Don Kromer, Director of the Club, pointed out that the 2 proposals concerned (1) an outdoor educational program and (2) a cultural and enrichment program, which are designed to intensify the Boys Club efforts in these two areas of service. The primary problem is personnel and a lack of sufficient funds for the expansion that is needed. Mr. Kromer noted that the programs

would not be duplicated as a report from the Community Development Office stated. The Boys Club of Austin is providing over 1,000 boys of Austin a continuous program of guidance through widely varied activities. The funds being requested will act as seed money to develop two programs that can be continued in the future through the regular sources of support.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, he pointed out that there are some activities that girls are included in, but the basic philosophy is concentrating on the individual problems of boys. The national organization is studying the problem at the present time.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Mr. Kromer stated that two of their facilities were open 6 days a week. Those facilities would be open any time they were needed by the boys. He commented that the Boys Club was a United Way agency and a certain amount of funds come from the private sector. The Boys Club presently serves a total membership of 1,000.

#### Capital Area Rehabilitation Center

Adia Gizelback, Executive Director of the Center, informed the Council that this center was the only one in about a 200-mile radius. The Center provides medical rehabilitation services, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. The age group includes from 6 months and up.

The other sources of funding are 1/3 from United Way, donations from parents, various grants and contracts. At the present time there are about 120 patients who receive therapy about 3 times a week. The waiting list is now over 100 people.

#### CAPCO

Mr. David Samuelson, Chairman of the Agency and County Commissioner, noted that the Agency was requesting the same amount as last year, and that this was for dues. In addition to this amount, \$12,500 was also contributed for health care, but this amount will not be required this year since it will be taken care of under a new health act.

#### Caritas

Mr. Warren Dwyer, Director of Caritas, added to the proposals that the CDC had recommended that Caritas staff be given a 10% salary increase for fiscal 1976. Caritas is funded by the County, donations, Diocese of Austin and reimbursements from Travis County Welfare and several other agencies.

In response to Mayor Friedman's question, Mr. Dwyer commented that the Agency worked with 4,852 interviews, of which 3,580 were cases. Those people had been referred to various agencies. The Diocese gives approximately \$7,200 per year to the program. The majority of the money that is received is under contract, which contains certain stipulations that have to be followed.

The total amount of money that has been spent on grants is \$35,023.99. It was noted that if people cannot get food stamps from the Welfare, then they can come to Caritas and get the money to buy the food stamps. Mr. Dwyer pointed out that initially Caritas tries to get new applicants to be served by a public agency. If this is impossible, then the next step would be to contact one of the volunteer groups, and if all other fails, Caritas works with the applicant.

The money received from the City is kept in a separate account and used for food stamps, meal tickets, clothing, shelter, medical payments and licenses. A review of the budget showed the following:

1. \$32,000 from the City
2. \$14,000 from the County
3. \$6,000 from donations
4. \$7,200 from the Diocese

One proposal this year that is different from the past is that one agency could fund the overhead expense and another agency fund all of the grant money. A breakdown of the percentage of the money involved was shown as follows:

1. \$5,700 office manager salary
2. \$7,200 Mr. Dwyer's salary (paid by the Diocese)
3. \$13,000 for 2 caseworkers
4. \$1,744 for office supplies

The only administrative expenses are part of the salary of Mr. Dwyer and the salary of the receptionist. Part of Mr. Dwyer's salary comes from the Diocese and part from the American Dental Society as their administrator and treasurer.

Councilmember Trevino commented that he felt Caritas had been a big help to many people and had brought religious organizations together.

Mr. Clint Butler, Vice-President of the Council of St. Vincent De Paul, noted that Caritas helped them to do their work. He felt that his organization could not operate without the help of Caritas. Mr. Butler fully supported the request for funds by Caritas.

#### Child Care Incorporated

Mr. Bill Miller, Chairman of Child, Incorporated, stated that the funds indicated would be used for the 5 day care centers which serve ages 3-5, plus 30 home care units. The objectives of the program were outlined. Benefits of the program included increasing the children's knowledge, self-discipline, self-expression and better attitude toward school.

Mr. Jim Huey, a member of the Board of Directors of Child Care, Inc., pointed out that 90% of Child, Inc., families are in poverty according to government guidelines and could not work without child care. At present, there are 5,316 children in Travis County in poverty level families. The agency serves approximately 1,300 people.

Mr. Huey noted that there was a waiting list and that approximately 5,316 people could use child care. The \$94,000 for infant care would enable them to serve 100 children between the ages of 6 months and 18 months, and another 50 classified as toddlers up to 3 years of age.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question as to selection of children, Mr. Strickland stated that the children are selected on a first come, first served basis; however, there are exceptions. Mr. Huey pointed out that this agency had the second lowest cost per child in the state by the latest figures.

#### Child and Family Services

Ms. Toni Curetta, Coordinator for services for the elderly, a project of Child and Family Services, appeared before the Council. The program is funded 70% by the Department of Public Welfare and 30% by the City. The elderly that are served by the Agency are chronically ill with various diseases. In the past year, the program served over 4,500 clients.

Mayor Friedman clarified the point that the CDC recommendation of \$46,329.00 is the minimum needed.

#### Citizen Advocacy

Amelia Perez, President, Austin Association of Retarded Citizens, informed the Council briefly concerning Citizen Advocacy. The program is part of the Austin Association of Retarded Citizens. She stated that the request was going to be used to continue the program on its present staff level. Ms. Perez stated that the people involved in the program are visited once a week.

Councilmember Linn suggested that this program would be one where she would want to give money directly to them. Councilmember Trevino commented that he was very impressed with the program and felt that the program provided what the adults have been needing for a long time.

#### Community School Project

Mayor Friedman noted that the basic request of \$138,000 was needed to match the Austin Independent School District allocation. Martha Simmons commented that as a citizen she felt this would be a way for the citizens to get the utmost amount from their tax dollar by two different bodies cooperating for the citizen's purpose. Mayor Friedman pointed out that the Community School concept is a concept where the school district and City share the expenses 50/50.

#### County Horticulturist

Mr. Robbins informed the Council that this program was jointly funded by the City, County, State and Federal Government. This amount does provide for a specialist to work in the horticulture field who, at the present time, would be Mr. Ted Fisher. In addition to his salary, it would pay the secretary and office expenses. The program helps the people to grow various plants in the home as well as the garden.

#### Extend-A-Care

Rose Lancaster, Executive Director of Extend-A-Care, informed the Council that this program was primarily an after-school program. It is primarily sponsored by local churches through the United Urban Council. There are also about 300 welfare children served by the program. This proposal is for a summer program for 150 of the children.

Councilmember Hofmann felt that the money would be well spent, in that it would keep children off the streets. One of the requirements of the Center to take the child into the program is that the parents work or be in job training.

#### Hot Line

Mr. Jim Bowden, Chairperson of the Information Crisis Hotline of Austin and Travis County, commented that the Center operated a 24-hour, 7-days a week, 365 days a year information and referral service for the citizens of Austin and Travis County. Mr. Bowden noted that the total amount they received from MHMR was \$24,000 for two staff salaries. The total budget would be \$36,000, two-thirds of which were salaries. In addition to salaries, there is overhead, and this is primarily what the request is for.

In response to Councilmember Trevino's question, Mr. Ed Peters, the Executive Director, pointed out that they do have some contact with the United Urban Funding and the Central Chicano. Mr. Peters noted that about 30,000 calls a year are handled.

#### Laguna Gloria

Mr. Miller stated that they had submitted a revised request of \$47,210.00. The revised figure represents funding to duplicate last year's services to the community. Additional funds are requested to match a \$5,000 grant that has been received from the Texas Commission on Arts and Humanities Community Assistance Program for the art after school program. A portion of the fund will be used to develop neighborhood exhibitions coordinated with the art after school program. Mr. Miller pointed out that they were actively searching for new funding sources.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, it was noted that the governing body was a 30-member Board of Trustees that operate under the non-profit statute. The annual Fiesta last year raised about \$61,000, and this year it was \$70,000. Mr. Miller noted that there was no charge to tour the museum. The art after school program is a very important program that will be in 5 schools to represent different sectors of the community and reach about 300 children.

#### Legal Aid

Mr. Paul Rich, Executive Director of Legal Aid, referred to the documentation that had been submitted to the Council. He noted that last year when they applied for money from the City, at that time they were seeing approximately 360 new clients each month. At present they are seeing over 638 new clients each month in the office. In order to continue with the paralegal slot, the total amount requested will be needed. There are plans for expanded hours in the Legal Aid office as well as a juvenile defender coming into the office.

#### Middle Earth

Mr. Jim Cox, Director of Middle Earth, stated that they requested \$78,000 and the CDC recommended \$6,300 and the City Budget Office recommended nothing. Mr. Cox reviewed just what Middle Earth provided. The service is open 24 hours a day. There have been 20,000 to 25,000 volunteer hours in the

past year. Mr. Cox commented that the demands on the service of Middle Earth was sky-rocketing. Middle Earth serves as an entry point for the people into the mental health service establishment. The cost of the service is \$5.00 per client. As regards duplication of services, he felt that there was no other agency in town that could do the job Middle Earth does. Mr. Cox proposed that the budget of \$32,000 which would provide for 2-1/2 fulltime people and raises for 8 volunteers, be approved.

In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question concerning other funds, Mr. Cox stated that \$3,000 from the County paid operating expenses on the crisis house.

#### New Directions

Margaret Gillin, Director of New Directions, referred to the report that was sent to the Council. She stated that July 1st, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission did certify them as Class 1 services as a half-way house. The litigation that stalled the grant from the Criminal Justice Council has been settled as of September 2, 1975. Since the incorporation, the project has been operated to help women probationers, parolees and discharges in the Austin and Travis County area, with no paid staff. Every bit of funding received goes into the operational expense. She noted that there is no other place for these women to get a new start.

She stated that the program can accommodate 6-8 women. The center furnishes them with shelter and clothing and aids them in getting started in community life again.

#### Peoples Community Clinic

The representative from Peoples Community Clinic stated that the funding received provides a general medicine night once a week which is open to anyone in the community. The funds also provide for a pre-natal program and family planning. A fee charged for the services is a nominal \$5.00. The majority of help is by volunteers who work every week. The center would like to raise the salary from \$2.87 per hour to \$3.30 per hour. This makes up the increase that is being asked for.

#### Project Rebuild

No one appeared to be heard.

#### Rent-A-Kid

Father Znotas was present for any questions, but the Council had none.

#### United Action for the Elderly

Ms. Janet Pureno, associated with the organization, commented that the United Action for the Elderly operated the "Meals on Wheels" project, which provides hot meals for elderly people. At the present they operate 9 mobile meal sites, and at one location they operate a 5-day a week delivery service. There are 236 volunteers that cook, deliver and serve as professional consultants. The amount of hours donated have been over 6,785. Ms. Pureno noted that the money received from the City will be matched with money from Travis County. A grant from the Urban Council will be matched with one from the Department of Public Welfare.

The money requested will be used to serve 115 clients in the city of Austin alone. To provide meals for the 80 on the waiting list, it would cost around \$18,000, with an average wait on the list being 2 weeks to 2 months. Of the 12 staff members, 5 are full-time and 7 are part-time with an ethnic breakdown of 2 Anglo, 1 Black and 2 Chicano on full-time. The part-time people consist of 4 Anglo, 2 Black and 1 Chicano.

#### Zachary Scott Theater

Mr. Richard Cameron, a member of the Board of Directors, appeared to support their request for City funding. The Directors felt that it is their job to provide programs and facilities to meet the needs of the community. Recently, the theater has joined with Austin Community College to develop a college theater art program. He noted that the theater has developed classes for children between the ages of 6 and 18 years old, as well as adult programs too. There have been tickets provided to low income and elderly residents for all theater productions and activities. It was stated that the theater was used by the community many times. In the past year there has been an average of 55 hours per month of building use by City departments as well as many others. The theater receives from the City 25% of the funding, and the remainder comes from donations, advertising, etc. The increase being asked for is the additional fee for the free classes for children in the neighborhood centers.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Ms. Anne DeBoise stated that the contractual agreement with the Community College was for \$4,500 which pays the salary of the teacher for the classes.

The governing body is made up of 25 members that are part of a non-profit corporation.

In response to Councilmember Lebermann's question, it was noted that there is a substantial youth program. The classes being conducted at the centers will be held by professionals in the art field. Through these programs, the theater anticipates reaching around 300 children. It was noted that a bi-lingual program would be incorporated soon.

#### MEMO ON TAX

Mayor Friedman stated that a memorandum had been received from the Board of Equalization and due to the excellent work of the Board of Equalization, the estimated tax base for the City which was \$1,979,000,000, is in fact \$1,991,722,860 which is an increase of a little over \$12,722,000; therefore, the additional revenue will be generated for the City budget. Memos are as follows:

September 16, 1975

The Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Austin, Texas

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

In compliance with applicable legal provisions, we your Board of Equalization for the year 1975, do hereby submit our report of activities.

The Board of Equalization convened August 25, 1975, Patricia Cain, Chairperson, presiding, and began hearing appeals on that date. All property owners who filed an appeal requesting a hearing and who appeared at the designated time were heard. There were conducted twenty-eight separate appeals representing sixty-one properties. In addition, five letters representing five properties were considered by the Board. There were fifteen appeals representing fifty properties scheduled which were either cancelled or the property owner did not appear. Of the total properties considered by the Board, twenty-four were adjusted in value and forty-two were sustained at the value established by the Tax Department.

The Board of Equalization has completed its work for the City of Austin tax roll. All appeals have been heard and all decisions made in regard to valuations thereof. We have instructed the Tax Assessor-Collector to notify all persons who appealed valuations to the Board of our final decision.

We have examined the tax rolls for the City of Austin and find them to be true and correct to the best of our ability. We do hereby certify the tax roll for the City of Austin as of this date, September 16, 1975, in the amount of \$1,991,722,860.

Having completed its work, the Board of Equalization for the year 1975 stands adjourned this day, September 16, 1975, subject to recall by the City Council to render whatever assistance may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Patricia Cain  
Patricia Cain, Chairperson

/s/ Ruben Ruiz  
Ruben Ruiz

/s/ R. Wormley  
Robert Wormley

and as follows:



SUBJECT: Tax Roll

DATE: September 18, 1975

The Board of Equalization has certified the tax roll for the City of Austin in the amount of \$1,991,722,860. This base is larger than the one used in preparing the recommended budget for fiscal year 1975-76 and therefore can be expected to produce additional income to the General Fund.

Certified base:	\$1,991,722,860
Less: Estimated base:	<u>1,979,000,000</u>
Increase	12,722,860
Times: Recommended rate:	<u>.0095</u>
	120,867
Times: Collection factor:	<u>.95</u>
Additional revenue:	\$114,824

In the debt retirement fund, additional revenue is projected to be \$38,677.

/s/ Joseph Liro  
Joseph Liro, Administrator  
Management and Budget

## ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 1:00 a.m.

APPROVED

Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Monroe  
City Clerk