

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

January 9, 1975  
1:00 P.M.

Council Chambers  
301 West Second Street

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The meeting was called to order with Mayor Pro Tem Love presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Binder, Dryden, Friedman, Liebermann  
Mayor Pro Tem Love

Absent: Mayor Butler

The Invocation was delivered by REVEREND LAWRENCE WICKS, Olivet Baptist Church.

THINK TREES WEEK

Councilman Friedman read and then presented a resolution signed by the Council to Ms. Margret Hofmann proclaiming the week of January 11-17, 1975, including Arbor Day, as "Think Trees Week" and recognizing that trees represent an invaluable natural resource and that the protection and recognition of trees is important to the continued heritage of Austin.

Mayor Pro Tem Love noted that Ms. Hofmann had distributed brochures, bumper stickers, and lapel pins for the Council. Ms. Hofmann thanked the Council for the resolution and for making this an annual institution. She noted that there would be a tree planting on Arbor Day on Town Lake at Lou Neff Point at 2 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council approve the Minutes of January 2, 1975. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

#### POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING ON TELEPHONE RATE INCREASE

Mayor Pro Tem Love noted that there was a public hearing scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's rate increase. However, City Manager Davidson noted that the rate consultant had new computations to make because of an error in figures submitted and that the City Attorney, Mr. Don Butler, had been ill and had not been able to consult with the Company's representative. Therefore, he requested that this be reset for January 16, 1975, at 1:00 p.m.

#### HEARING ON PROPOSAL BY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Mayor Pro Tem Love opened the public hearing scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on the proposal by the Human Relations Commission for the City of Austin to enforce the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Legislation. MR. JOE LUNG, Chairman of the Human Relations Commission, stated that the proposal would entail the passage of an Equal Employment Opportunity ordinance.

MR. MACK RAY HERNANDEZ, member of the Commission, indicated that they had appeared before the Council on December 12, 1974, concerning the proposed ordinance and noted that there had been substantial input by various people across Austin. He requested that the Council take a formal vote on the proposed ordinance.

MS. MAXINE FRIEDMAN, member of the Commission, stated that the Commission was established in 1967 to promote mutual appreciation of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship among all racial, religious, ethnic, and nationality groups and to discourage any misuse of freedom. She noted that in 1973 at a retreat at Lakeway a Declaration of Human Rights issued by the Council declared its commitment to "eliminate every vestige of discrimination through race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation...We encourage all citizens to cooperate and support the City's policy of equal rights. We recharge the members, present and future, of the Human Relations Commission with the authority not only to investigate thoroughly and report to the City Council all acts of discrimination but to recommend new policies and ordinances to insure equal opportunity."

She stated that on December 9, 1974, the Commission voted unanimously, with one abstention, on the following motion:

that "the Human Relations Commission support the philosophy of the accompanying ordinance and submit it to the Council to study with the intent of passing an ordinance that would enable the Human Relations Commission to become an agent of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission."

She pointed out that the proposed ordinance would make it unlawful for an employer of 15 or more employees, a labor union, or an employment agency to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or physical handicap. She stated that the Commission believed this ordinance was necessary because the present machinery for handling complaints was no longer adequate because of delays in the complaint procedure in that filing with the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) usually meant a wait of two years or more to be resolved. She noted that passage of the ordinance would enable Austin to contract with the EEOC to obtain federal funds to enlarge the staff of the Human Relations Commission Office and to provide other operating expenses, which would help to speed up investigations and conciliations, and to provide quicker relief for those discriminated against. She stated that it would provide for hearings at the local level and penalties for non-compliance.

In response to questions that had been raised by the City Manager and other groups in regard to funding, she stated that the Commission felt that the money provided by the EEOC would be adequate; but if at a later date federal funding were to be denied, the policy would remain the same, and the City would carry out the service to the best of its ability. In conclusion, she suggested that the proposed ordinance would enable the Commission to do a better job in the future.

In response to Councilman Friedman's comment that in the Council's Declaration of Rights in 1973 they had included sexual orientation but it was not included in the proposed ordinance, Ms. Friedman stated that this had been an oversight; and they would be willing to include it in the ordinance. Mr. Hernandez pointed out that they were trying to bring this as close in line with Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as possible.

The following appeared in support of the proposed ordinance:

MR. RODNEY GRIFFIN, representing the Austin Black Local Employment Task Force, stated that his organization was in support of the proposed ordinance and felt that it was the responsibility of the Council to deal with problems like discrimination, particularly in the private sector.

MR. DAVID STRONG, Vice President of Austin's N.A.A.C.P., spoke in support of the ordinance. He noted that they were involved each year with dozens of complaints of job discrimination and sometimes had to refer them to the San Antonio EEOC office. They endorsed this proposal and urged the Council to consider it on a first priority basis.

MR. JAMES P. VALENTINE, representing the West Austin Democrats, noted that in a meeting last night his organization endorsed the proposed ordinance. He felt that this was an outstanding example of the return of the government to the local level and that persons of all walks of life could support it.

MR. NEAL PARKER stated that he had been interested in an ordinance of this type for some time and in 1972 appeared before the Council and proposed an ordinance of this type, which was referred to the Human Relations Commission. However, he added that the term "sexual orientation" should be included in the ordinance so that it would be consistent with the Council's Declaration of Human Rights.

MS. JOANNA CORNELL, representing Austin Area Association for Handicapped Citizens, spoke in support of the ordinance and urged the Council to vote for its passage and set up an EEOC office in Austin.

There was discussion by Councilman Lebermann and Ms. Friedman concerning the fact that there had been mention of eliminating a provision for discrimination against the handicapped; however, Ms. Friedman noted that in speaking with attorneys they were informed that it would be an absolute plus to include the handicapped workers in the ordinance, considering there were no laws regulating this. She further noted that Washington had no qualms about the inclusion of handicapped workers.

MS. DIANA TILLEY, representing the League of Women Voters, stated that her organization strongly supported the ordinance and felt that local administration of Title VII would better achieve equal employment goals. They also felt that an adequately funded agency as specified in the ordinance would provide the following:

1. An objective local forum for conciliating employment grievances.
2. A more expedient handling of alleged unlawful employment practices.
3. Local accessibility of professional expertise in the area of employment practices.
4. An educational program advising the community as to its rights and responsibilities with regard to employment practices.

She noted that one of their primary concerns was the large number of complaints filed each year and the increasing difficulty of dealing with complaints. They felt that the proposed ordinance represented a formal declaration of the City's commitment to equal employment opportunity and believed that the Human Relations Commission should reflect all sectors of the community. In conclusion, she urged the Council to support the concept of local government seeking solutions to local problems by passing the ordinance.

FATHER JOE ZNOTAS, representing the Executive Board of St. Julia Parish, noted that they had voted last week at a meeting to contribute as much as they could to this ordinance. He quoted from the Council's Declaration of Human Rights on September 24, 1973: "...We are firmly committed to equal employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation..." He considered the ordinance an extension of this commitment. He mentioned that they have had cases brought to the regional office and two of those cases were still pending after four years. He felt that justice that was not prompt was justice denied.

MR. TONY VELIAN, representing the American GI Forum, stated that they felt this ordinance would help to guarantee the right of all persons to work and to advance on the basis of merit, ability, and potential. He added that they endorsed the ordinance and urged the Council to give it favorable consideration.

MS. SHEILA WOMACK, representing the National Organization of Women and Women's Equity Action League, stated that they supported the ordinance and anything else that would ban any discrimination.

MS. CAROLYN REECE, First Vice President of the Austin Section of the National Council of Negro Women, stated that they supported this ordinance because it would strengthen Title VII.

MS. RUTH EPSTEIN, representing Travis County Democratic Women's Commission, stated that Austin had no option but to have its discrimination cases referred to San Antonio and wait an average of more than two years and pointed out that Austin had no control over the standards San Antonio used. She felt that this not only inconvenienced the employee but the employer as well with legal fees and travel expense. In regard to comments that had been made that this would not have adequate funding, she suggested that Austin would not be handling the case load that San Antonio was in that people would continue to go to San Antonio because of the lack of trust. She submitted that it was better to start than to never start at all. She felt that this could be tried for a year and have an evaluation after that to determine its worth and possibly make changes.

Mayer Pro Tem Love stated that in regard to experimenting, when the City became involved in a program, it was "married" to the program.

The following appeared in opposition to the proposed ordinance:

MR. WILLIAM L. HART, President of Hart Graphics and Office Centers, Inc., stated that he had always been an equal opportunity employer; their record of hiring minorities was excellent; their record of compliance pertaining to non-discrimination by virtue of race, sex, or age was untarnished. He pointed out that they operated their plant under a labor contract which bars discrimination under any guides, including seniority. He stated that he opposed this ordinance for the following reasons:

1. The Federal EEO Act was broad, comprehensive, effective, and overriding, which made the proposed ordinance redundant.
2. The Federal Government has adequately policed compliance under EEOC. He felt that if the federal office in San Antonio believed the Austin case load was beyond their capacity to service, the Federal EEOC should establish an Austin office. He also felt that the Federal EEOC could and had effectively processed complaints.
3. He did not believe Austin could handle the case load with federal funding in the amount of \$39,000 and have an effective program.
4. Because he felt that the amount was inadequate, he presumed that the City would be called upon to fund the additional amounts required to do an adequate job. He suggested there was no accurate knowledge of how long these local funds would be committed, how much it would cost the City, how long the program would be in operation,

how much funds the government would provide in grants, or how long the grants would last.

5. He felt that the program would be subject to political pressure from the Council, City administration, local interest groups, the press, business, unions, and any special interest group that felt it had an interest.

In conclusion, he stated that the ordinance was not good for the local businessman or local taxpayer and felt that it should be rejected.

MR. A. C. "IRISH" MATTHEWS, speaking officially for the Austin AFL-CIO, made the following observations:

1. This would be handled by a commission of 15 people who were appointed by politicians.
2. This should be left in the hands of the federal government.
3. There should be a representation on the Commission by a labor group.

#### Discussion

Ms. Friedman took this opportunity to note that she had been in contact with Washington this morning and had been assured that funds would be available in July in that Corpus Christi was the only other city that had taken an interest in establishing such an office. She pointed out that Title VII was not as broad and underlying as they would like, and that was the reason for the proposed ordinance.

Councilman Friedman felt that this was getting down to one of the two most basic elements of a free country - the opportunity to employ one's self at a decent salary; and now he was hearing that the Federal Government was best to supervise this because we would not have to worry about local interference. He felt that equal opportunity had to be considered a local problem and suggested that the local people had a feel for what the citizens in this community not only expect of themselves but of each other. It seemed to him that the leadership of the Council has made a very specific declaration of strong attempt of eliminating any vestige of discrimination in the City and felt that the City was committed to no discrimination; but the City would not come close unless it tried and bring to the local level those possible ordinances which would make it a violation to have this kind of practice.

He felt that the ordinance was well written and that money was not a problem. He suggested that if money ran out, the Council could see whether or not it could work out.

There was discussion by Mr. Hart, Councilman Friedman, and Ms. Friedman concerning the local office. In response to Mr. Matthews' reiteration that there was no labor representation on the Commission, Councilman Binder asked the City Manager when the next appointments would come up for the Human Relations Commission. City Manager Davidson stated that he did not know but would be happy to check. Mayor Pro Tem Love pointed out that there would be a complete update on all boards and commissions from the Manager next week.

Ms. Friedman took this opportunity to thank those groups who appeared in support of the ordinance and also thanked the following who asked to be mentioned:

Austin Women's Political Caucus      Texas Civil Liberties Union  
Capitol City Young Democrats

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Love introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE POLICY OF THE CITY TO BE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE RIGHT OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, OR PHYSICAL HANDICAP; DEFINING TERMS; ADOPTING REGULATIONS CONCERNING UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES; PROVIDING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS; SETTING UP A PROCEDURE FOR THE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS; OUTLINING THE DUTIES OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR; FORBIDDING INTIMIDATION; CONTAINING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

Councilman Friedman moved that the hearing be closed and the ordinance be passed as presented by the Human Relations Commission with the inclusion of a provision for sexual orientation and with the retention of physical disability and age. Councilman Binder seconded the motion. Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Friedman, Binder  
Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Dryden, Lebermann  
Absent: Mayor Butler

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that the motion had failed to carry.

Mayor Pro Tem Love prefaced his vote by stating that he did not believe it was the responsibility of the City to move into this area to enforce federal law and did not believe the City could afford to have it in the end.

Councilman Dryden felt this would complicate the problem but commented that the situation had improved over the past 10 years.

Councilman Lebermann felt that the Council has stated its position and that the City has sufficient applicable position related to fair employment practices. He did not feel that such an ordinance within the corporate City limits would speak to the problem adequately well.

RELEASE OF EASEMENTS

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

The Electric Utility Easement of unspecified width recorded in Volume 568 at Page 531 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, which easement traverses a portion of Lot 16, Block A, BARRINGTON OAKS, SECTION ONE, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, and a portion of Lot 1, BARRINGTON OAKS COMMERCIAL, a subdivision in Travis and Williamson Counties, Texas. (cont.)

(Requested by Richard C. Baker, Attorney for Barrington Oaks Joint Venture, a joint venture between Lamar Savings Association and Salem Walk, Inc., owners.)

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

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

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

All of the Public Utilities Easement seven and one-half (7.50) feet in width which covers the north seven and one-half (7.50) feet of the west 176.86 feet of Lot B, ARROYO SECCO, a subdivision. (Requested by J. C. Evans, owner.)

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

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

#### POSTPONEMENT OF CASH SETTLEMENT

Possible authorization of the following cash settlement was postponed until January 16, 1975:

FORD-WEHMEYER, INC. - 60/40% cash settlement in lieu of a refund contract for the installation of wastewater mains serving the T.P. & J. Subdivision. Total cost - \$4,551.86. City's cost at 60% - \$2,731.12; owner's cost at 40% - \$1,820.74.

#### COST DIFFERENCE PAYMENTS

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing cost difference payment as follows:

Authorizing payment to ROBERT VINCENT MURRAY, JR., the cost difference of 12"/8" water main and appurtenances to serve Northgate Terrace, Section 2 - \$2,358.93.

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

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



Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing cost difference payment as follows:

Austhorizing payment to LAMAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION and VINTAGE HILLS, INC., the cost difference of 54"/8" wastewater main and appurtenances within Horseshoe Bend, Section 2 - \$107,576.47.

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

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

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED

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

SYRING - WORKMAN, INC. 1907 Judy Drive Austin, Texas	- Barton Springs Pool Flood-water Bypass Improvements - \$299,117.99
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The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

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

REX SUPPLY CORPORATION 3715 Harrisburg Houston, Texas	- Milling Machine and Accessories for metal work operations, Holly Power Plant, Electric Utility Department. Items 1-22 - \$9,331.91
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The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

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

WORTHINGTON SERVICE CORPORATION 5153 Blaylock Road Houston, Texas	- Replacement Parts Plant Cooling Water Pump, Holly Street Power Plant, Electric Utility Department - \$6,496.76
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The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

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

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION	- Replacement Parts, Steam Turbine,
201 North St. Mary's Street	Unit No. 3, Holly Power Plant
San Antonio, Texas	Electric Utility Department -
	\$93,042.20

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

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

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

JACK A. MILLER, INC.	- Construction of Street & Drainage
11011 Research Boulevard	Improvements in Community Development
Austin, Texas	District No. 4. (Capital Improvements
	Project No. 6236 4) - \$311,395.00

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

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

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

AMERICAN LA FRANCE	- Fire Trucks
c/o Claude Wright & Associates	Item 1 - 7 ea. @ \$ 64,275.00
9018 Rutland Building E	Item 2 - 1 ea. @ \$113,491.00
Houston, Texas	Total - \$563,416.00

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

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

## CONTRACT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AUTO TRANSFORMER

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving a contract with Lower Colorado River Authority for operation and maintenance of the 480 MVA Auto Transformer at Austrop Station. The motion, seconded by Councilman Dryden, carried by the following vote:

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

## NATURAL GAS SHARING AGREEMENT

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a natural gas sharing agreement with the Delhi Gas Pipeline Corporation between the Lower Colorado River Authority and the City of Austin. The motion, seconded by Councilman Binder, carried by the following vote:

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

## SELECTION OF ACCOUNTING FIRM

Councilman Dryden moved that the Council adopt a resolution selecting the firm of TOUCHE ROSS & COMPANY as the accounting firm to perform an audit of the Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Facility Grant. The motion, seconded by Councilman Binder, carried by the following vote:

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

## ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR CONTINUATION OF MODEL CITIES ACTIVITIES

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept \$366,969.00 of previously impounded Model Cities funds, requiring approval of a revised grant budget that will provide transitional funds for the continuation of FY 1974 Model Cities activities. The motion, seconded by Councilman Binder, carried by the following vote:

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

## ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT TO CONTINUE LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Councilman Friedman moved the Council adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant for \$133,360 from the Governor's Committee on Aging to continue the Austin Travis County Luncheon Program for the Elderly. (\$13,352 match from in-kind services; \$1,466 from participant donations.) Contract period will be from February 1, 1975, to January 31, 1976. The motion, seconded by Councilman Binder, carried by the following vote:

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

## CONTRACTS CONCERNING CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

It was noted that the Council had before it the consideration of two contracts in connection with Capital Area Planning Council. Councilman Lebermann stated that each year he was given an opportunity to serve on CAPCO he became an even stronger advocate of regional planning. He felt that the CAPCO was extremely professionally staffed and did the job they were intended to do.

It was noted that the following gentlemen were present:

Mr. Richard Bean - Executive Director of CAPCO  
Mr. Stan Stout - Director of Health Planning Services  
Dr. Stan Bernum - Chairman of the Board of Health Services

Mr. Bean stated that they appreciated the opportunity and the support the Council had given them in their efforts to promote inter-local cooperation.

Councilman Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing a contract between the City of Austin and the Capital Area Comprehensive Health Planning Commission, Inc., in accordance with appropriation approved on September 19, 1974. Contract will be for \$12,500 and will be in effect from January 15, 1975, through January 14, 1976. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing a contract between the City of Austin and the Capital Area Planning Council for general membership in accordance with appropriation approved on September 19, 1974. Membership fee will be \$25,181.00. Contract term will be from January 15, 1975, through January 14, 1976. The motion, seconded by Councilman Friedman, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Dryden prefaced his vote by stating that he wished the CAPCO knew of the critical bed situation today and suggested that they check with the medical profession before telling anyone beds were not needed.

#### CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Councilman Friedman moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing a contract between the City of Austin and the Department of Labor for a 12-month Public Service Employment Program. It is proposed that the City administer the \$401,000 program for the Capital Area Manpower Consortium, pending approval of the Consortium membership. The motion, seconded by Councilman Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

#### STATE-UNIVERSITY-BUSINESS SHUTTLE SYSTEM

Councilman Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution establishing a State-University-Business Shuttle System with the route as follows:

1. The University loop utilizes Red River between 23rd and 25th, 25th Street, Trinity within the University to 23rd, and 23rd Street.
2. Then via the shuttle route San Jacinto between 23rd and 19th;
3. Then on to 19th between Congress and San Jacinto;
4. Then on to Congress between 19th and 14th;
5. Then via 14th between Congress and San Jacinto for the southbound routing and between Trinity and Congress for the northbound routing;
6. Then via San Jacinto southbound or Trinity northbound between 14th and 11th Streets;
7. Then on to 11th between San Jacinto and Congress southbound or Trinity and Congress northbound;
8. Then on to Congress Avenue between 1st and 11th Streets utilizing 1st Street, Lavaca, and 5th Street for the completion of the downtown loop of the route.

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

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

## DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS TASK FORCE

Mr. Joe M. Lung, Chairman of the Special Community Relations Task Force, appeared before the Council to discuss the activities and progress of the Task Force. He stated that since their establishment on October 24, 1974, they have had 7 meetings with an average of 12 or 13 present out of 17 members. He noted that they had organized into 4 subcommittees:

1. Subcommittee to look into Austin police-community relations programs.
2. Subcommittee to look into other cities' police-community relations programs.
3. Survey committee.
4. Subcommittee dealing with the financing of the Task Force.

He pointed out that many requests had been made to the City Manager, of which many had been met. He noted that many of the commissioners felt there should be public hearings, and the first would be on January 13, 1975, at 7:00 p.m. at Rosewood Community Center. They hoped to get input from the citizens that would help them in making recommendations to the Council as to how they could improve relations in Austin.

He added that the subcommittee dealing with the financing was headed by Mr. H. C. Carter, and they had met with the City Manager and had come up with very positive steps to help the Task Force meet its goals. He thanked the Council for going along with them and assured them that the Task Force would bring them some positive recommendations they felt would benefit the City.

Mr. H. C. Carter felt that the City Manager's office had been generous in approving their requests. He pointed out that he was present to see if any Councilman might have any questions concerning the budget. He added that they were not trying to get a certain amount of money but were trying to achieve a certain objective.

The Council thanked Messrs. Lung and Carter for their presentation.

## POSTPONEMENT OF REFUND CONTRACTS

Consideration of the following refund contracts was postponed until January 16, 1975;

GARY L. THORNTON Owner	- For water mains installed in Jolly Oaks Subdivision - \$36,057.76
ROBERT VINCENT MURRAY, JR. General Partner	- For water and wastewater mains installed in Northgate Terrace, Section 2 - \$16,219.89.

## POSTPONEMENT OF REVOCATION OF ORDINANCE

Authorization of the revocation of Ordinance No. 740919-I, Section 2, was postponed until January 16, 1975.

## ORDINANCE CONCERNING SPEED LIMITS

Mayor Pro Tem Love introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-42 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 BY MAKING AN ADDITION TO SUBSECTION (a) THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE "UNIFORM ACT REGULATING TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS" (VERNON'S ANN. CIV. ST., ART. 6701d); SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Exposition Boulevard)

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

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Love, Councilmen Binder, Dryden, Friedman

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Butler

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilman Lebermann

## POSTPONEMENT OF TROLLEY CAR ACQUISITION REPORT

The Trolley Car Acquisition Report was postponed until January 16, 1975.

POSTPONEMENT OF REPORT ON  
UTILITY DEPOSIT AND COLLECTION POLICIES

A report on Utility Deposit and Collection Policies was postponed until January 30, 1975.

## SPECIAL REPORT CONCERNING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City Manager took this opportunity to announce that the Council had awarded the last significant contract for Community Development District Nos. 3 and 4. He felt that the commitment made by the Council to upgrade sub-standard areas of Austin has been able to "bear some fruit." He noted that the total contracts for the project amounted to \$1,142,000 and would result in the following:

1. Paving of 52 blocks of streets or about 3-1/2 miles.
2. 1,630 feet of storm sewer construction.
3. Over 31,000 linear feet of sidewalk, which would constitute about 6 miles.

He felt that this together with the "Handcox Plan" method of assessing for street paving had been one of the most significant steps that municipal

government had taken. He and the staff appreciated this kind of policy which he felt would result in a standard City of Austin some time in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

APPROVED

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roy Butler".

Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grace Monroe".

City Clerk