

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Called Council Meeting

August 22, 1979  
5:00 P.M.

Council Chambers  
301 West Second Street

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

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Cook, Councilmembers Goodman, Himmelblau, Mullen  
Snell, Trevino

Absent: Mayor McClellan

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke stated that this was a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the 1979-84 Capital Improvements Program. He then recognized Mr. Bill Stoll, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Stoll reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendations for the 1979-84 CIP. He said the CIP was considered in three parts: 1) Policies, 2) General Government and Electric, and 3) Water and Wastewater. The two major policies were it must have continuity with past CIP's and Bond authority, and major emphasis on investment projects and least emphasis on projects that would have an effect on the operating budget. The Planning Commission was very pleased with the staff work on the CIP and gave special credit to Dan Davidson, Dick Lillie and Daron Butler. He stated that General Government and the Electric Department were funded for 1979-80, but would require new bond authority for the remaining four years. The Commission recommended a \$150 million program for the Water and Wastewater Department CIP for the next 5 years with \$77 million required for new bond authority. No adjustment had been made for inflation, but the City Manager had recommended a 9%-10% rate. In actual dollars the Water and Wastewater program was less than the 1976 bond package and was considerably less when allowing for inflation. The Planning Commission had reduced the overall Water and Wastewater budget request by \$15 million. The 3-year bond authority for Water totaled \$46 million, deleted Water Treatment Plant #4, but included \$350,000 to upgrade the 1974 Camp, Dresser and McKee report on projected water demand. A \$31 million program was recommended for the Wastewater portion with emphasis on projects which conformed to the north-south growth corridor as approved in the Master Plan. The South Austin Outfall was not recommended in the CIP because it was felt that the project would induce growth considerations outside the southern growth corridor. In conclusion, Mr. Stoll thanked the various boards and commissions which had worked with the Planning Commission on the proposed CIP.

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke expressed the Council's thanks and appreciation for the Planning Commission's work on the CIP.

VERNELL LEE, 6124 Fairway, Chairperson, Montopolis Advisory Committee, presented the following requests to the Council for the Montopolis area:

1. Install three traffic signals;
  - One on the corner of Larch Terrace and Montopolis Dr.
  - One on the corner of Ponca St. and Montopolis Dr.
  - One on the northend of the Montopolis Bridge on Airport Boulevard.

Flashing lights need to be put on the stop sign on Vargas and Ponca. People are not used to stopping there and flashing lights would warn them to do so.

Streets needing to be paved with CDD#12 Paving (Public Works #76/62-15) monies are listed in order of priority:

- Ponca Street - from Montopolis Dr. - West to End.
- Culp Street - from Ponca - South to End.
- Crumley Lane - from Montopolis Dr. - East to End.
- Torres Street - from Saxon - West to End.
- Del Monte Road - from Bonnett to Saxon.

We do not wish to see Vargas Road paved at this time, as there are other streets in our community that need more attention. Monies for the paving of these streets are available, therefore immediate action should be taken to see that these streets are paved.

2. The Montopolis Neighborhood Center (HSD #78/72-04) needs to be built. We have submitted a list of prioritized site locations and urge you to select one and construct this important facility in FY 79-80.
3. The Major Greenbelt Acquisition (PARD #75/86-07) and the Colorado Park Development (PARD #80/86-07) go hand-in-hand. We would like to see the land under the Montopolis Bridge bought and developed into a park to serve the community and other parts of the City.
4. The Neighborhood Tennis (PARD #77/86-06) need to be constructed in Civitan Park. There are no tennis courts in Montopolis and they are greatly needed.
5. We again urge you to build Grove Boulevard from Riverside Drive to the Montopolis Bridge. This street does not exist and its construction would ease the traffic off of Montopolis Drive.
6. We are still interested in the Median Beautification (PARD #75/86-32) of the island on Montopolis Drive south of Del Monte and north of Crumley. Our original suggestion of planting low bushes or shrubs and placing a 3' x 4' redwood sign reading "Welcome to Montopolis".
7. Bus shelters with benches are needed at the following locations:
  - Eastside of Montopolis Drive at Del Monte.
  - Westside of Montopolis Drive at Larch Terrace.
  - Eastside of Vargas at Riverside Drive.

8. The Govalle Inverted Siphon (W & WW #80/23-01) and the Montopolis Lift Station (W & WW #80/23-02) are greatly needed. These two projects would eliminate the sewage odors in our community.

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke asked for a report from the Urban Transportation Department, Public Works Department and Parks & Recreation Department as to whether the preceding projects received any consideration, if so, what, and if not included, why not.

Councilman Trevino inquired about the status of street paving in the Montopolis area. John German stated that all of the streets named by Ms. Lee were included in the public works program except Grove Boulevard. Some right-of-way was available for that street, but a lot of it was not. It would be a major new project. He would make available to the Council and Ms. Lee a schedule of pavings for Montopolis.

Councilman Goodman asked if the paving of Vargas Road could be given a lesser priority. Mr. German said that except for Grove Boulevard the other streets were already programmed for paving.

Councilman Goodman pointed out that in 1971 owners of the land for the proposed Colorado Park offered to give the City one-half of the land if the City would buy the other half, but money was not available. He was very interested in acquiring the land for a park.

ELLIOTT NAISHTAT, Chairperson, Austin Community Development Commission, stated that the Advisory Board recommendations for proposed projects, 1979-84 were as follows:

#### PRIORITY I

- CIP 76/91-05 - St. Johns Public Health Center
- CIP 76/91-05 - Clarksville Public Health Center
- CIP 78/72-04 - Montopolis Neighborhood Center
- CIP 78/72-03 - Rosewood Neighborhood Center

#### PRIORITY II

- CIP 75/61-20 - CDD Sidwalk (St. Johns)
- CIP 78/61-02 - Sidewalk Construction (St. Johns)
- CIP 73/90-04 - Passenger Facilities (St. Johns)
- CIP 73/90-02 - Municipal Buses & Support Vehicles (St. Johns)
- CIP 79/86-04 - Clarksville Park Improvements (Clarksville)
- CIP 78/62-11 - MoPac Improvements (Clarksville)
- CIP 79/65-01 - Clarksville-MoPac Overpass Pedestrian Overpass (Clarksville)
- CIP 80/86-07 - Colorado Park Development (Montopolis)
- CIP 76/62-15 - CDD #12 Paving (Montopolis)
- CIP 75/86-13 - Major Greenbelt Acquisition (Montopolis)
- CIP 80/23-01 - Govalle Inverted Siphon (Montopolis)
- CIP 73/62-03 - Riverside Drive/Wickersham - Ben White (Montopolis)
- CIP 75/86-13 - Greenbelt Acquisition (East First)
- CIP 79/60-09 - Boggy Creek Improvements (East First)
- CIP 78/86-10 - Boggy Creek Greenbelt Improvements (Rosewood)
- CIP 74/61-02 - Railroad Crossing Improvements
- CIP 73/86-14 - Givens Park Improvements (Rosewood)
- CIP 79/86-03 - Rosewood District Park Improvements (Rosewood)
- CIP 78/86-10 - Boggy Creek Greenbelt Improvements (Rosewood)

CIP 76/86-35 - Downs Field (Rosewood)  
CIP 73/90-04 - Passenger Facilities (Rosewood)  
CIP 73/90-02 - Municipal Buses and Support Vehicles (Rosewood)  
CIP 78/93-04 - EMS-Station #4 (Rosewood)  
CIP 73/90-01 - Transit Facilities and Land Acquisition (Rosewood)  
CIP 79/62-20 - Traffic Reduction in Neighborhoods (Rosewood)  
CIP 78/61-02 - Sidewalk Construction (Rosewood)  
CIP 75/61-20 - CDD Sidewalks (Rosewood)  
CIP 75/62-20 - CDD Paving and Drainage (Rosewood)  
CIP 78/61-02 - Sidewalks (South Austin)  
CIP 75/61-20 - CDD Sidewalks (South Austin)  
CIP 75/62-20 - CDD Paving and Drainage (South Austin)  
CIP 74/61-02 - Railroad Crossing Improvements (South Austin)  
CIP 80/86-08 - West Bouldin Creek Development (South Austin)  
CIP 75/86-13 - Major Greenbelt Acquisition (South Austin)  
CIP 77/86-18 - South Austin Recreation Center Improvements (South Austin)  
CIP 78/93-01 - EMS Station 1/2 (South Austin)

### PRIORITY III

CIP 75/86-32 - Median and ROW Beautification (Montopolis)  
CIP 78/62-09 - Montopolis/Riverside - Ben White (Montopolis)  
CIP 80/23-02 - Montopolis Lift Station (Montopolis)  
CIP 73/86-43 - Fiesta Garden Improvements (East First)  
CIP 79/62-09 - Congress Avenue/Oltorf - Ben White (South Austin)  
CIP 74/22-20 - CDD Water Main Locations (South Austin)  
CIP 74/23-20 - Community Development Program - Wastewater (South Austin)  
CIP 76/86-33 - Cultural Arts Center (South Austin)

The Neighborhood Advisory Boards opposed the following projects:

CIP 73/90-01 - Transit Facilities and Land Acquisition  
CIP 74/23-08 - South Austin Outfall Relief Main

PAULINE BROWN, Chairperson, Clarksville Neighborhood Advisory Board, asked the Council to fund the health center for Clarksville.

JOHN PANICK, representing the Allandale Neighborhood Association, presented to the Council a proposed "Hills-to-the Lake" hike and bike route. He stated that five neighborhood groups supported the plan. If the plan were implemented, it would be possible to go from U.S. Highway 183 to Town Lake on a designated hike and bike path. He hoped it would be possible to get the plan into the upcoming CIP. His organization also supported CIP 76/86-04 (Shoal Creek Development 29th to 45th Street), and proposed the following new project description wording for that project:

"The use of these funds will provide for the extension of the Shoal Creek hike and bike trail from 29th to 45th Street, as well as a play feature. Since the hike and bike trail cannot be extended feasibly beyond 45th Street within the green area of Shoal Creek, it may be necessary to divert the trail out of the Creek immediately south 45th Street in order to be able to extend the trail further north in the future."

Councilwoman Himmelblau and Mayor Pro Tem Cooke expressed interest in the project.

BILL HELLUMS, President, Rosedale Neighborhood Association, supported the proposed hike and bike trail. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Cooke's question, Leonard Ehrler said that money had been appropriated for land acquisition up 29th Street and not beyond.

CELESTE CROMACK, 4016 Duval Street, urged the Council to consider removing CIP Project 73/62-29 (38th-38½ Street Widening/Guadalupe-Duval & Red River-IH 35) or lowering its funding until the study and reviews were completed on the project. She felt that the study might negate the need to widen the streets. She suggested the following alternatives to the widening:

1. Protected left turn light at 38th & Guadalupe Streets which would allow residents who live on the avenues to use 39th or 40th Street to access their homes.
2. Better timing of traffic lights through the area between Guadalupe and Duval on 38th Street would pick up the flow of traffic.
3. Eliminate left turns on 38th Street or permitting left turns only where lanes are provided.

Councilman Goodman stated that he did not think that 38th Street between Guadalupe and Red River should be widened.

Ms. Cromack pointed out that the Urban Transportation Department had lowered 38th Street from a major arterial to a minor arterial recently.

EMMETT SPEARS, Chairperson, Rosewood Advisory Board, asked the Council to fund a new Rosewood Center.

RUSSELL ROWLAND spoke in support of a better coliseum for the City. Mayor Pro Tem Cooke stated that the Council was concerned about the coliseum and that the American City Corporation proposal contained about \$1 million for renovation of the coliseum and municipal auditorium. Currently \$374,000 were allocated and awaiting CIP approval for renovation of the project. There was a \$15,000 feasibility study on the Council's next agenda regarding the coliseum.

JOE K. WELLS also spoke in support of an improved coliseum. In response to Councilman Goodman's question, Ron Wood stated that the feasibility study would take about two months to complete. Improvements could be included in the upcoming CIP. The study would cover requests made by the Livestock Association and other needed improvements.

BARBARA BERRY, 3913 Jefferson, representing the Ridgelea Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of CIP 76/86-04 (Shoal Creek Development 29th to 45th Street) and asked that land acquisition be moved up to 1979-80.

BILL MARTIN, President, Balcones Civic Association, stated that the Association supported the following proposed projects:

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Project Title &amp; Serial No.</u>	<u>F.Y. &amp; Amount</u>
1. PARD	Spicewood Springs Park #77/86-01, P. 594	79/80 \$185,000
2. PARD	Bull Creek District Park #75/86-01 (Loop 360)	78/79 \$820,000

3. Public Works	Road Improvements & Construction Spicewood Springs Rd. (Mesa to 360) #73/62-31, p. 264.	78/79	\$1,418,000
4. Public Works	Railroad Crossing Improvements #74/61-02, p. 248. (Steck and Anderson Lanes at MOPAC).	-	-
5. Public Works	Up-grading U.S. 183 (Burnet Rd. to MOPAC).	79/80	\$60,000
6. Public Works	Paving Improvements (Old Jollyville Rd. - MOPAC to Loop 360) #79/62-06.	82/83	\$40,000

The Association also felt that the proposed Northwest Branch Library (CIP 73/85-09) could be operated in leased space in the proposed Great Hills Mall at Loop 360 and 183 instead of a capital outlay of \$566,000.

The Association considered the following projects to be significant and important: (1) preparation of a 5-year Master Plan of the Parks System and (2) traffic reduction in neighborhoods (CIP 79/62-20).

DOROTHY RICHTER, 3901 Avenue G, inquired about improvements to Shipe Park. Leonard Ehrler stated that the \$26,000 allocated for the project had not been spent and that the work should be done this fall. Otherwise, the funds would carry over.

Mrs. Richter also asked about the renovation of the Elizabeth Ney Museum (CIP 79/86-01). Mr. Ehrler said that the Museum Board was working with the consultant as advisors and the project was about ready to be put out for bids within the next few months. Matching funds had been applied for, but it would not be known until December whether or not the funds would be approved.

DIANE DUBOIS, speaking for the Conservation Committee of the Travis Audubon Society, questioned the appropriateness of water and wastewater projects in the CIP which directed growth outside the preferred growth corridor. She asked that the projects be viewed in relation to the 16% increase in water and wastewater fees which people were facing. She felt that the following projects were not needed: (1) Tertiary treatment of wastewater; (2) Onion Creek Treatment Plant and (3) Treatment Plant #4. She hoped that the South Austin Outfall and site acquisition for a plant along the lines of Water Treatment Plant #4 would not be put back into the CIP. She asked that the Three Points Reservoir and the Walnut Creek Interceptor be moved up in the CIP because they complemented growth along the preferred growth corridor. She did not feel that the Martin Hill transmission main and reservoir were not needed, but agreed that the Camp, Dresser and McKee Study should be updated.

In response to Councilwoman Himmelblau's question, Curtis Johnson said that the Three Points Reservoir (CIP 76/22-29) would serve the North Austin Service Area and basically was a point running north and south between North Lamar and FM 1325 and back south considerably into the City. The Three Points area was located just east of IH 35 North and west of Pflugerville on FM 1825. Due to its location, the reservoir would have a greater influence on the northern portion of the service area.

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In conclusion, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that there would be another public hearing in conjunction with a Council meeting at a future date which would be published in the newspaper and posted.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk