

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

May 15, 1979  
6:30 P.M.

Wooldridge Park

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The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino

Absent: None

Mayor McClellan stated that this was a Called Special Meeting of the City Council for the purpose of swearing in ceremonies for the Mayor and Members of the City Council (Oath of Office) and election of a Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor McClellan next introduced Ms. Debbie Munn, Travis County Services for the Deaf, who interpreted the meeting in sign language.

Dr. Gerald E. Mann, Pastor, University Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

Mayor McClellan introduced members of the Crockett High School Texans, Max Fisher, sponsor, Brad Burrer, marshall, Billy Barber, sheriff, Joe Carroll, Mike Norman, John Pike, Jerry Franks, participants, who posted the colors on the stage. Pat Malone, deputy of the Texans, led the pledge of allegiance.

The Austin Independent School District All City Show Choir, directed by Richard Such, Ellen Leggett and Charles Ament, sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

Mr. Dan Davidson, City Manager, welcomed guests who were present. He then reviewed some of the accomplishments of the Council during 1977-1979 and pointed out that the entire Council had been re-elected by some of the largest majorities in Austin's history. He emphasized that the accomplishments had occurred through the leadership and example of the Council, openly

and publicly. Mr. Davidson then introduced each member of the Council and extended them their certificates of office for the next two years.

Mayor McClellan first introduced her sons, Mark, Dudley, Bradley and Scott and her parents, Madge and Page Keeton. The Mayor said that Austin was a city which encouraged and embraced the new while keeping faith and touch with the past. She said that that tradition would be continued in the sense that the Council would face many new challenges in its next term of office, but would also be working with and on a number of issues which the Council and its predecessors began.

Mayor McClellan stated that she had made the following commitments to the public:

1. Keeping people the first priority of the Council.
2. Making decisions about energy.
3. Continuing the high level of municipal services while holding the lowered tax rate.
4. Locating and beginning the first steps toward building a new airport.
5. Innovative solutions to traffic problems.
6. Understanding and dealing effectively with the realities of constructive growth without abandoning or compromising Austin's quality of life and its unique environment.
7. Ensuring that Austin remains a vital city, especially through its revitalization plan.

Mayor McClellan reaffirmed that the open space of Wooldridge Park represented to her the atmosphere in which City government would continue to operate--open, informal and relaxed.

Councilman Lee Cooke said that in his next two years he would continue to pledge his undivided and continued energies for the citizens of Austin, to listen to the citizens on all issues.

Councilwomen Betty Himmelblau introduced her husband, David, and thanked the citizens of Austin for allowing her to serve a third term on the Council. She also thanked her colleagues and looked forward to working with them for the next two years as well as the citizens of Austin.

Councilman Ron Mullen introduced his wife, Carol, and his daughters, Lacy and Misty. He appreciated seeing former City Council members in the audience and the citizens who had come for the event. He stated that his door was open and hoped that over the next two years that citizens would come to him if they had any problems.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Goodman acknowledged the contributions of former members of the City Council in bringing Austin to where it was today. He introduced his wife, Diana, and son, John, and daughter, Lisa. He looked forward to two more years of harmony on the Council and thanked the citizens for their support.

Councilman John Trevino thanked the citizens for their continued support. He thought that the greatest strength of Austin was the ability of people to get along with people. He acknowledged the work of prior Council members in making Austin a beautiful city. He promised to continue to be honest and fair.

Councilman Jimmy Snell introduced his wife, Joanna, his sons, Gerald and Joseph, and his daughter, Julie. He also introduced Mr. C.R. Autry, Senior Auditor with Atlanta Life Insurance Company. He looked forward to serving the City for another two years. He acknowledged the presence of Boards and Commissions members and their input into the Council's decisions. He hoped that their input would continue.

Judge Joe Greenhill, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, then administered the Oath of Office to the new Austin City Council as follows:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear, that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Austin, Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear, that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God."

Mayor McClellan thanked Judge Greenhill and then opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

#### Motion

Councilman Goodman moved that the Council proceed with the rotation system for Mayor Pro Tem starting with Place 1 and proceeding through Place 6. The motion, seconded by Councilwomen Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman,  
Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino

Noes: None

Mayor McClellan next introduced former Mayors and members of the City Council and other special guests.

The AISD All City Show Choir next sang three selections, "Yesterday," "Baby Face," and "We've Only Just Begun," with Peter Maloff the soloist on the first selection and Phyllis McAnelly the soloist on the final selection.

City Manager Davidson concluded by telling the audience that the new City Council extended a cordial invitation to join them for refreshments and a visit. He said that the City had a new City Council with new challenges, problems to solve, citizens to help contribute to those solutions and one of the finest cities in America today.

Reverend Marvin C. Griffin, Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, offered the benediction.

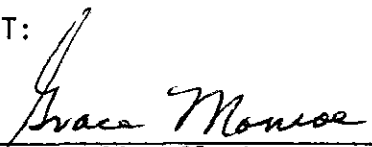
ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk