

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Called Council Meeting

September 25, 1979
5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Mayor McClellan stated that this was a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of considering the adoption of both the 1979-84 Capital Improvements Program and the 1979-80 Operating Budget. She pointed out that times were tough and that the Council, in adopting the CIP and Operating Budget, had some very hard decisions to make about policies and priorities. The Council was trying to provide quality, basic City services which were affordable.

The Mayor suggested that the Council start with the CIP, then proceed to Operating Budget City Departments and social and arts contract agencies. Any fee increases would be considered on Thursday, September 27, 1979 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the tax rate would be adopted. (Transcript on file in the City Clerk's Office)

Parks and Recreation

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved that the Council move \$50,000 from the Walnut Creek Park Project into the 79-80 fiscal year for funding for the Northwest Recreation Center. Councilmember Cooke seconded the motion. The Council did not vote on the motion, but by consensus, agreed to the change.

Councilmember Snell requested that \$1.4 million for the Northeast Recreation Center be put back into FY 1980-81, and by consensus the Council agreed.

Mayor McClellan said that she would like to take \$100,000 from the money budgeted for the Waller Creek project and put it into 79-80 funding for the hike and bike trail from 29th Street to 45th Street. Councilmember Cooke stated that he could not support that change.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau agreed with the Mayor and asked if there was another project that might come in under bid so that any excess money could be used for the hike and bike trail.

Mr. Ehrler said "No," and estimated that all projects were now underfunded due to inflation.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau suggested taking \$100,000 for the hike and bike trail from Neighborhood Park Acquisition (75/86-14) and moving one or more of the site acquisitions into an unfunded year.

The Council agreed to the suggestion and also Mayor McClellan's request that parkland acquisition in the unfunded years be increased by \$3.032 million plus the \$100,000.

Councilmember Cooke recommended that the Council show its intent to include additional greenbelt acquisitions in the CIP, even though a precise figure would not be available for about two weeks. Mayor McClellan agreed with that recommendation.

Mayor McClellan stated that she thought the Council should reaffirm its interest in the Parks Master Plan and the news about the National Service assisting in that Plan. She also said that the Council needed to get a report in relation to what Mr. Bo Byers discussed regarding what could be funded in the tennis with the available \$700,000.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council approve the 1979-84 CIP for the Parks and Recreation Department with the changes noted. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmembers Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke
Noes: None

Water and Wastewater

Councilmember Cooke asked that the South Austin Outfall (74/23-08) be deleted from the 1979-84 CIP, and the Council agreed.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council approve the 1979-84 CIP for the Water and Wasterwater Department with the change noted. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmembers Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman
Noes: None

Public Works

Mayor McClellan suggested that \$200,000 a year be placed in the Public Works CIP for alley maintenance and/or paving beginning in 1979-80, which would free up that amount in the Operating Budget. The Council agreed to the request.

Mayor McClellan asked that the Public Works CIP reflect a restroom for the 23rd Street vendors market in 1980-81 at \$25,000. The Council concurred with her request, but Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau stated that there would be maintenance on it and thought that a fiscal note would be needed when the Council started talking about it.

Mayor McClellan also suggested that the design of Riverside Drive from IH 35 to Newning go through the Urban Transportation Commission to ensure maximum input.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council approve the 1979-84 CIP for the Public Works Department with the changes noted. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmember Mullen
Noes: None

Councilmember Goodman asked if the Espey-Houston Report on the 38th Street widening had been received. Mr. Robert Beckham said that the report was received yesterday and he was sure that it would be presented to the Council in the next week or so. Councilmember Goodman stated that voting on the CIP today for the project was all right, but he thought that the Council should see the report before finalizing the plans.

Mayor McClellan asked that also under Public Works that \$4.24 million be placed in 1980-81 for upgrading railroad crossings and that it be included in an upcoming bond election.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council approve the item as requested. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmember Mullen
Noes: None

Fire Department

Mayor McClellan suggested that the Northeast Fire Station (76/83-02) be moved up from FY 80-81 to FY 79-80 and that in the future the Council look at small units possibly being placed in rental houses to provide a first response in areas where a major station is not yet built. The Council agreed with the Mayor's requests.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve the 1979-84 CIP for the Fire Department with the change noted. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmembers Mullen, Snell
Noes: None

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau stated that her vote was "Yes" but contingent upon the study being completed that was underway.

Auditorium

City Manager Davidson asked Ron Wood to explain the difference between what a task force had recommended for the Auditorium and what was in the CIP.

Mr. Wood explained that the original proposal did not include any funding in FY 79-80 for the civic center facilities, parking garage or monies other than available through the fund for renovation to the coliseum. The original proposal was for \$526,000.

Mayor McClellan stated that the total package recommended by the task force was \$19.4 million, which included \$15.6 million for the civic center, 500 parking spaces \$2.5 million and refurbishment of the coliseum \$1.3 million.

Mr. Wood pointed out that CIP 79/80-03 at \$374,000 for interior renovation of the coliseum was a previous submittal and was in addition to the recommended \$1.3 million.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council approve the recommendations of the task force as follows:

79/80-04 - \$15.6 million in FY 79-80
79/80-03 - \$1.3 million in FY 79-80
80/80-01 - \$2.5 million in FY 80-81

There was no second to the motion, but by consensus the Council approved the recommendations of the task force, as noted.

Library

Councilmember Cooke asked the Council to relocate the library proposed for the Highway 183/Loop 360 area to the Highway 183/Duval Road area whether or not it was built so that the immediate neighborhood would know the Council's intent. By consensus, the Council agreed to the request.

Public Works

Motion

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council delete from the Water and Wastewater CIP the Southwest Distribution Main, the Bee Caves Reservoir, and the Martin Hill Reservoir Transmission Main along with the South Austin Outfall Relief Main.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau stated that she could not agree with Councilmember Trevino on most of the projects because some of them were companion pieces for the wastewater mains that were in the CIP and underway.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau's request for an explanation, Mr. Curtis Johnson said that the Walnut Creek Wastewater line and the Martin Hill Reservoir were companion in that they served the same general areas. Likewise, the Southwest Distribution Main would provide water service to essentially the same area as many of the wastewater improvements in Williamson Creek.

In response to Mayor McClellan's question, Mr. Johnson said that the Planning Commission had recommended all of the items.

Mayor McClellan requested that any project effecting the Barton Creek Watershed be designed with the upcoming Espey-Houston standards.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau stated that any project which impacted the Barton Creek should be delayed until the Council had the Espey-Houston study.

Councilmember Trevino's motion died for lack of a second.

Motion

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1979, AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 1980, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT AND ACCOUNT; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance as amended. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilmember Cooke thanked the staff, Planning Commission and all of the Boards and Commissions that participated in the preparation of the CIP.

Mayor McClellan said that the five-year program came to \$590,000,000.

1979-1980 OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor McClellan suggested that the Council start by deleting \$100,000 from the travel budget with the assumption that the City Manager would see that it was done throughout the Departments.

Councilmember Cooke asked the City Manager if the figure of \$459,000 proposed for FY 79-80 was correct.

Mr. Davidson replied that it was correct, but he wanted to clarify that the memo he had prepared at the Mayor's request did not constitute a recommended reduction on his part. However, if asked if he could implement the reduction, the answer was "Yes".

In response to Councilmember Cooke's question, City Manager Davidson said that the City expected to spend \$327,000 on travel for the current fiscal year.

Councilmember Cooke stated that he recommended a cut of \$125,000 in the travel budget which would leave a budget for FY 79-80 of \$335,000, with cuts to be made across the Board.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council cut the travel budget by \$125,000 with cuts to be made across the board, leaving a travel budget of \$335,000 for FY 79-80.

Daron Butler commented that he thought that it would be unfair to be left with the impression that this was simply money to go to national conferences and conventions. Some of the money would be used to bring operator trainees in the Water and Wastewater and Electric Departments up to professional training standards.

Mayor McClellan stated that priority should be given to that area over convention money.

City Manager Davidson hoped the Council would leave the allocation of funds to his discretion. Each program would have to be examined before reductions were made.

The Council, by consensus, agreed to the recommendations of Councilmember Cooke.

Mayor and Council

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council delete a Senior Secretary at \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mullen.

The Council, by consensus, agreed to the deletion; therefore, no vote was taken.

Motion

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council delete the car allowance. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, ~~carried~~ by the following vote: *failed*

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmember Mullen

Noes: Councilmembers Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve an increase in Council pay from \$12,000 to \$16,300. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Trevino.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Cooke offered a substitute motion that the Council defer the item until they had taken care of the citizens of Austin, Texas first by working through the budget.

Councilmember Trevino made the following statement:

"I would agree with you, Lee, but if we wait until late this afternoon, by the time we get through doing the budget, then some people may interpret that as our trying to wait until everybody's gone and I think we need to do it up front."

Mayor McClellan agreed with Councilmember Trevino, but said that it could be done either way.

Councilmember Cooke made the following statement:

"I just want you to know that my concern is to work on the situation that we have before us and that is property tax. I think we've got some hard decisions to make there and I think that we've got some hard decisions to make on utilities and water and wastewater and other things. I'm not trying to put it in the back either. I don't know how long we are going to be here. I think that the press is going to be here with us to the end, no matter what."

Mayor McClellan suggested that since the salary increase was out on the table and everybody knew what the proposal was that the Council could come back and vote on it later after they saw they were on the bottom line on the entire budget.

Councilmember Goodman stated that he would withdraw the motion for consideration later if that was the preference of the Council.

The Council agreed to delay the item for later consideration.

City Clerk

By consensus, the Council agreed to cut replacement capital for desks and chairs by \$2,340, but retained money for tape recorders and a typewriter.

Economic Development

Councilmember Mullen suggested that \$100,000 be removed from Economic Development.

Mayor McClellan recommended that of the \$100,000, the sum of \$20,000 be removed for wages and salaries and \$80,000 be cut for operation and maintenance in economic development. The Council agreed to those cuts.

Management Services

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council phase in an Assistant City Manager (budget for 8 months) - cut \$12,000.

In response to Councilmember Cooke's question, City Manager Davidson stated that three Assistant City Managers were budgeted in Management Services and one budgeted in the City Manager's Office. In accordance with the Peat, Marwick, Mitchell Study the one in the Manager's Office would be designated as Deputy City Manager and it was also recommended that a fourth Assistant City Manager be added to Management Services.

Mayor McClellan asked Councilmember Cooke if he wanted the fourth assistant to occur. Councilmember Cooke said "Not at this time."

Councilmember Cooke said that his proposal would be to allow the City Manager to go ahead and hire a replacement in his office and then within the next four months hire another Assistant City Manager in Management Services. At that point the City Manager would have three Assistant City Managers in Management Services and a Deputy City Manager in the Manager's office.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau made the following statement:

"I don't agree with Mr. Cooke. I think we've had these two vacancies now for three quarters of the year and I think it has worked a hardship, not only on the Manager, but the two remaining Assistant City Managers and on the whole City and I would say just as soon as Mr. Davidson is ready to bring these people aboard, he should have that prerogative."

In response to Mayor McClellan's question, City Manager Davidson estimated that \$30,000 additional funding would be required to fill the Deputy City Manager slot and phase in a fourth Assistant City Manager.

At that point, Councilmember Cooke clarified his motion as follows:

"My motion was to allow the City Manager to proceed with hiring a person in his office for his Deputy and allow the replacement of an Assistant City Manager at the eight month point, which will give him at that time three Assistant City Managers and a Deputy."

At that point, Councilmember Mullen seconded the motion.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Goodman offered a substitute motion that the Council add \$30,000 and fill both vacancies. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

Municipal Court

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau stated that she would like to cut \$28,373 from the Municipal Court budget as follows:

Two Clerk A's	\$20,523
Replacement capital - Administration	- 3,820
Replacement capital - Judicial	- 4,030

Councilmember Goodman asked Mr. Richard Hill to comment on the impact of the cuts insofar as services in the Municipal Court went.

Mr. Hill stated that during the past two years there had been a 22% activity increase with a total case increase of 155,000 cases. In that time period fine collections had increased by \$1,137,000. There had been a 41% increase in activity in traffic cases, the activity would be for the violations bureau, which handled traffic cases. There had not been an increase in personnel in that unit in seven years. If the two clerk A's were cut, there would be longer lines and a longer wait at Municipal Court.

At that point, Mayor McClellan called upon Judge Alberto Garcia, Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court to speak to other identifiable programs which could be considered for cuts, such as reducing relief judges (\$5,180), computer conversion (\$17,000) and the Austin/Travis County Alcohol Counseling Services (\$33,000).

Judge Garcia requested that other cuts be examined that would equal the cut proposed by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, such as relief judges and computer conversion. He would prefer to keep the Alcoholic Counseling service.

After a brief discussion, Mayor McClellan suggested that the entire amount on relief judges be cut (\$11,000) and that \$17,698 be taken from computer conversion.

By consensus the Council agreed to cut the Municipal Court budget by \$28,700 and to allow Judge Garcia and the Court to decide where to make the cuts, with the understanding that the Council would be informed.

Data Systems

Councilmember Cooke stated that he had deletions totalling \$70,500.

Mayor McClellan suggested that the cuts be as follows:

Data Controller I in Systems	- \$13,797
Miscellaneous Capital Items	12,114
Custodian	4,693
	<u>\$30,604</u>

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council cut Data Systems by \$30,604 plus \$40,289 for Payroll Design. Councilmember Mullen seconded the motion.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Goodman offered a substitute motion that the Council cut the Data Systems budget by \$30,604. Councilmember Snell seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked why the payroll redesign needed to be in FY 79-80.

Hugh Standifer explained that in 1975 the payroll system was redesigned to increase the number of deductions available from eight to sixteen, all of which had now been taken. The proposed design would handle 99 deductions.

Councilmember Mullen suggested to the Council not to make the change unless the Council changed its policies.

City Manager Davidson pointed out that the payroll system was obsolete and that Mr. Standifer and his staff had recommended that instead of modifying an obsolete program every time a change was needed, that a new payroll system be designed and implemented, which would save money.

Councilmember Mullen stated that it only saved money if there was a policy change. It would cost \$40,000 for a potential change.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked what the 16 deductions were in the payroll system. After about one-half of them were named, Mr. Standifer said that in the interest of time, he would get her a list of them.

Roll Call on Substitute Motion

Roll Call on the substitute motion to cut Data Systems budget by \$30,604, showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Goodman

Noes: Councilmember Cooke, Mayor Pro Himmelblau, Councilmember Mullen

City Attorney

Mayor McClellan suggested the following cuts totalling \$32,956:

Two Clerk B's and Law Intern	- \$27,768	(See Minutes of September
Capital and Support	- 2,610	27th for clarification
Overtime	- 2,585	of Legal Department
		budget).

By consensus, the Council agreed to the cuts.

Personnel

Motion

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council cut the Personnel Department budget as follows:

Clerk A in Employment/Emp. Rel.	- \$ 9,548
Clerk B in Safety/Worker's Comp.	- 11,389
Personnel Representative (5 months)	- 5,857
Capital	- 1,860
Attitude Survey (biennial)	- 6,000

Mayor McClellan added a \$5,000 Word Processor to the cut list and seconded the motion.

Councilmember Goodman stated that he agreed with all of the cuts except for the Clerk B in Safety/Worker's Compensation and asked Mr. Flakes for an explanation regarding that position.

Mayor McClellan asked how the situation was being handled now.

Mr. Flakes stated that the position currently was being filled by CETA personnel, but it was difficult to keep a person in the job because CETA employees were constantly looking for permanent positions. Based on information he had received, Mr. Flakes did not think that CETA would continue to be a viable option for the City. Filling the position with a clerk would free professional people from clerical work so that they could get out into the field to do some up front loss prevention work. There had been significant gains in the City's workers compensation and safety program over the last two years and if the CETA option were unavailable and the position cut, the program would be set back and be less effective, which would mean that it would cost the City more money in unemployment compensation.

City Manager Davidson agreed and stated that he supported that position.

Councilmember Mullen and Mayor McClellan agreed to an \$11,000 cut with the Department to come back to the Council as to where the cut would be made.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Goodman offered a substitute motion that the Council cut the Personnel Department as follows:

Clerk A in Employment/Emp. Rel.	- \$9,548
Personnel Representative (5 months)	- 5,857
Capital	- 1,860
Attitude Survey (Biennial)	- 6,000
Word Processor	- 5,000

The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, FAILED to carry by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau

Noes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Mullen, Snell, Trevino

Roll Call on Original Motion

Roll Call on the original motion showed the following vote:

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

Motion

Councilmember Snell moved that the Council eliminate the Attitude Survey (\$6,000) and Word Processor (\$5,000). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Goodman.

Substitute Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau offered a substitute motion that the Council cut the Personnel Department budget by \$28,000 and leave in the \$11,389 for the Clerk B. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, FAILED to carry by the following vote:

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

Roll Call on Original Motion

Roll call on the original motion, showed the following vote:

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

Motion to Reconsider

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved that the Council reconsider the motion by Councilmember Mullen, seconded by Mayor McClellan. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, carried by the following vote:

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

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved that the Council cut the Personnel Department by \$39,654 and let the Department come back to the Council as to where the cuts would be made. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cooke.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Trevino offered a substitute motion that the Council delete the Word Processor, the Attitude Survey, Capital and Personnel Representative for a total deletion of \$18,717. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Snell, FAILED to carry by the following vote:

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

Roll Call on Original Motion

Roll Call on the original motion showed the following vote:

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

Public Information

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council cut the Public Information Department budget as follows:

Public Information Specialist	- \$17,487
Bus Tours	- 1,000
Clipping Service	- 15,000
	<u>\$33,487</u>

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Goodman offered a substitute motion that the Council delete the Public Information budget by \$17,487 plus \$1,000 for the bus tours. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Goodman made the following statement:

"For the record I would like to say I think the clipping service ought to be discontinued also, but I wouldn't want to lay off a City employee."

Vehicle and Equipment Services

Mayor McClellan said that as a matter of policy she wanted to address not replacing any vehicles that the City did not absolutely have to and getting more people off vehicles and onto car allowances because that would realize even more savings in next year's budget and would also start saving in service personnel.

After a brief discussion, discussion of the Vehicle and Equipment Services budget was postponed until further information could be obtained by the staff.

Planning

Mayor McClellan suggested the following cuts in the Planning Department budget.

Upgrade vehicle in administration	- \$ 6,166
Artist I, Master Plan	- 13,926
Additional and replacement equipment, Master Plan	- 2,300
Drafter II and capital for Current Planning	- 25,206
	<u>\$47,598</u>

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved that the Council approve the foregoing cuts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cooke.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Goodman offered a substitute motion that the Council include all of the foregoing items except \$5,000 to be allocated for capital for the subdivision unit that the Council established. The motion died for lack of a second.

Roll Call on Motion

Roll call on the motion showed the following vote:

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

Environmental Resource Management

No cuts.

Aviation

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said that she would like to see the \$46,864 for taxicab controllers come from the Aviation Fund, rather than the General Fund.

Daron Butler replied that if the Council approved the Aviation Department budget as submitted by staff, there would not be a draw on the General Fund for the controllers.

In response to Councilmember Cooke's question, Mr. Butler estimated that there was currently \$234,000 in the Aviation Fund.

Urban Transportation

Mayor McClellan suggested the following cuts to the Urban Transportation Department budget:

Transportation Analyst	- \$23,080
Parking Component	- 60,992
24-hour Signal Service	- 13,536
Engineering Aide	- 12,319
Raise floor at Toomey	- 20,000

Mayor McClellan asked Mr. Ternus about the ridership on the River-side Bergstrom route.

Mr. Ternus said that the route had the lowest ridership in the City with about 400 trips/day, which was about one-half of the average ridership of 800 to 900 trips/day. Ridership was increasing slightly, rather than being stable or decreasing.

Responding to Mayor McClellan's question, Mr. Ternus said that there had not been any recent conversations with Bergstrom officials to see if they might subsidize the route to keep it running.

Regarding repairs at Toomey, Mr. Ternus stated that there was an equipment supply storage area where, when it rained, water flowed into the area and made the lower level unuseable. There also were electrical outlets which were made unsafe during a rain. Of the \$15,000 requested for modifications to the building, Mr. Ternus felt that \$6,000 was particularly critical for the north side of the building in the entryway where there was a bad draft in cold weather. He requested that the \$6,000 be retained.

Mr. Ternus said that if the Transportation Analyst were eliminated, then \$5,600 would have to be deleted from revenue since it was partially funded through federal funds. Elimination of additional parking aides at \$24,000 would cost the City \$95,000 in additional revenue from traffic fines.

A one-time cost of \$37,000 for parking meters would bring in an estimated revenue of \$35,000 per year. Mr. Ternus next explained the 24-hour signal service by saying that there were three options the Council could follow.

Councilmember Mullen expressed concern about shutting down the Riverside-Bergstrom route by saying that a new wing was being moved to Bergstrom which would bring in 800 families.

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved that the Council cut the Riverside-Bergstrom route. The motion was seconded by Mayor McClellan.

Mr. Ternus said that if the Council authorized the Engineering Aide at \$12,319 that person would be used to conduct traffic engineering studies. There had been complaints about delays and some cases had been thrown out of Court because formal studies were not in the files to base a decision on which had been made.

Mr. Ternus also said that repair of the roof at Toomey at \$7,000 was critical because it was a roof over the computer signal control center and was in terrible shape.

Roll Call on Motion

Roll call on Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau's motion showed the following vote:

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

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council cut the Urban Transportation Department budget as follows:

Engineering Aide	- \$12,319
24-hour Signal Service	- 10,000
Floor drainage at Toomey	- 20,000
Modification to Toomey office	- 9,000
	<u>\$51,319</u>

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmember Mullen
Noes: None

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council delete the Transportation Analyst at \$23,080, which would require a revenue reduction of \$5,615. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, FAILED to carry by the following vote:

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

Building Inspection

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council delete \$5,000 in overtime from the Building Inspection Department budget. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau.

Councilmember Goodman asked what effect elimination of the overtime would have on the Department.

Mr. Ed Stevens answered that it would not effect revenues to the Department as a result of fees and charges, but it would be difficult to meet staffing needs for the seven boards the Department provided secretarial help to, as well as calling out plumbing inspectors on weekends and that type of service.

Roll Call on Motion

Roll call on the motion showed the following vote:

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

Fire Department

Discussion was held on the following with Fire Chief Ed Kirkham's justifications:

Clerical - had been using communication personnel which is more expensive
Fire Lt. - additional lieutenant for technical assistant
Custodian for training building - will be needed for only ten months

Mileage Reimbursement for Inspectors - supervisors take inspectors into their areas in the morning and go back for them in the afternoon. The Chief felt that with the mileage reimbursement more work could be done with the inspectors they have, instead of recommending more inspectors.

Handi-talkies and radio headsets - at present do not have on all equipment

Drainage at Station #8 - Daron Butler said this could be handled thru the C.I.P.

Multi-channel logging systems - increase radio channels and telephone lines - a very useful item and to some extent required by the F.C.C. - presently sharing one with E.M.S. and their dispatchers are moving

Hancock Fire Station - Council felt by putting a squad car at Hancock there would be a savings of \$85,574 - long discussion of the number of pumpers needed and priority recommendations. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau felt that the fire and police were two areas to which the tax dollars should go. Mayor McClellan said that before this evening she didn't realize that there was a shortage on the pumper trucks and that she would leave the pumpers in. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau agreed with the Mayor.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council cut the Fire Department budget as follows:

Adm. Clerical Position	- \$11,481
Adm. Additional Fire Lt.	- 21,408
Custodian for Training Bldg.	- 1,500
Handi-Talkies and Radio Headsets	- 6,450
Multi-Channel Logging System	- 14,452
	<u>\$55,321</u>

Drainage Station #8 was transferred to the C.I.P.	- \$15,000
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Police Department

The Council discussed proposals to delete, add to or phase in the data controller, two clerks, sergeants in the criminal investigation division, funeral escorts and the minority liaison for the Police Department budget.

Chief Dyson discussed the data clerk which he said would be a cost effective addition for training purposes and that the time saved in the training process on the job would more than offset the cost of the data clerk II position. He also suggested one fulltime sergeant for missing persons would greatly facilitate that activity in the criminal investigation bureau. After reviewing the need for additional sergeants in the criminal investigation bureau, Chief Dyson discussed funeral escorts and said that if the

Council were to delete them, it would amount to the full time services of about one police officer - not a great deal of saving in that regard.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that a minority liaison be added in at \$21,769; delete the sergeant for missing persons at \$19,739; phase in sergeants for CID at \$61,445 and delete data controllers, two clerks and capital of \$24,447. The motion was seconded by Mayor McClellan.

After discussion of the sergeants, Councilmember Snell stated that he would like to take each separately, as he could not support all of them.

Chief Dyson offered the following alternative proposal: "Phase in the positions for the sergeants and team policing and CIB in use services and even the minority liaison position; phase those in at whatever level that you need to in order to achieve the cut that you are trying to achieve."

Councilmember Cooke said that "the only alteration that I see in the Chiefs proposal is that he is phasing them all and he is also including the four sergeants for team policing in that phasing process and that would mean not necessarily the three month point, but you would have to prioritize that phase in to achieve a net savings of \$83,922."

Chief Dyson replied, "But, if I were to phase in the four sergeants in team policing in six months, and phase in the sergeants in CIB for three months, and phase in the sergeant in use services for three months, and phase in the minority liaison for three months that would amount to \$86,188."

Mayor McClellan stated, "I think the real, the difference, obviously in our proposals, Chief, is that you have got to realize that you have to be ready to pick that all up next year, right?" She further stated that she would go with the Chief's alternate proposal of \$86,188 deletion with a phase in.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council cut the Police Department budget as follows:

Detete \$86,188 from the budget, as per the Chief's proposal.

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

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

Noes: Councilmember Goodman

Engineering

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council cut the following from the Engineering budget:

Computer mapping	- \$52,022
Aerial mapping	- 52,000
Engineer III	- 22,661
Capital	- 2,364
Overtime	- 5,000
	<u>\$134,047</u>

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan,
Councilmember Cooke, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau
Noes: None
Abstain: Councilmember Goodman

Public Works

The Council had a rather lengthy discussion concerning the possible deletion of the following budget requests from the Public Works Department:

Administration - employee relations coordinator and related costs

Project Management - additional architects and capital (charge to C.I.P.)

Alley Maintenance - charge to the C.I.P.

Civil Engineer - coordinating Council

Increase preventative maintenance of City Building - use G.R.S.

Construction Inspectors and related costs, as well as Construction Inspection replacement capital

Clerk A - Street and Bridge Division, as well as Capital for the Street and Bridge Division

Cemetaries - truckster, air hammers and additional riding mower

Councilmember Goodman inquired as to whether the figures were calculated into the increased fees for cemetaries. He suggested that perhaps the fees are increasing and at the same time there will be less service than anticipated. Mr. Beckham replied that the fees would be increasing and at the same time we would be basically retaining the present service. He said that the same services could be continued without a fee increase.

Mr. Richard Ridings said that the fee increase is still needed. He said, "We based our fee increase on what it cost us last year to actually perform the service, and last year we did not have this additional equipment; so, we're still going to need the fee increase, whether or not we have this equipment just to try to break even on the interment function."

Motion - Vote Failed

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council take out the deletions and add back the refuse disposal water truck at \$8,160 and the refuse disposal additional scrapper and operator at \$47,582 and delete the civil engineer coordinating council at \$48,147 for a total of \$450,093 deletion and a total budget of \$10,527,007. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, failed to carry by the following vote:

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

A considerable amount of additional discussion followed during which Lee Thompson and Mr. Ridings reviewed possible means of cutting the budget.

Substitute Motion - Failed

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved that the Council delete \$325,093 from the budget. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, failed to carry by the following vote:

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

Motion

Councilmember Mullen moved the the Council allow the department to delete \$400,000 from their own budget. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, carried by the following vote:

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

Library

The Council discussed the deletion of the following budget requests:

Children's service	- \$59,049
Additional Staff - service demands	24,023
Staff and Supplies - new Central Library	209,916
Branch Library Services	10,000
Half-time Clerk B-telephone reference	11,009
Health Science Library/ACC	41,667

The Council further discussed the addition of the following:

183 Corridor with Lamar Savings	- \$30,000
The Mayor stated that the same sort of thing could possibly be worked out in the Southeast sector	
South Austin Multi-Purpose Center	- \$25,000

After the discussion concerning specific deletions and additions of funds, the Council discussed new books and branch library hours which will reduce branch hours by two hours for \$119,190.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council delete \$419,854 from the budget. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmembers Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None

Parks and Recreation

The Council had before it proposed lists of cuts in the Parks and Recreation Department budget.

Councilmember Cooke read his list of proposed cuts totalling \$713,900.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau expressed her opposition to the community recreation program and the Wilderness Camping program.

Mayor McClellan did not agree with Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau's suggested cuts. She recommended closing the City's swimming pools after Labor Day with the exception of Barton Springs, Northwest, Stacy and Deep Eddy, which would save \$32,000.

Mayor McClellan also proposed that hours at the recreation centers be shortened. Cutting operations by one hour would save \$29,689 and cutting by two hours would save \$59,340. It was agreed that the cuts would be at the discretion of PARD and that the centers would be cut by two hours/day.

There was discussion as to whether or not to delete reclassification for a tennis pro.

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council approve a reduction in tennis programs by \$5,718. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Cooke agreed to delete the recommended cut of \$19,177 for Waterloo Park Center in return for the closing of the swimming pools at a savings of \$32,000.

The Council next discussed funding for the Community Education program. Mayor McClellan asked the Council to fund the program at \$291,000 and that if any cuts were to be made that the cuts be systemwide and not just geared at the Northeast Community Education Program.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council fund the Community Education Program at \$291,000 and that any cuts be systemwide and not just Northeast. The motion died for lack of a second, but by consensus the Council agreed with the proposal.

Motion

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council close Hancock Golf Course. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, failed to carry by the following vote:

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

The Council next returned to the knapsack and wilderness camping program for discussion. Mr. Ehrler stated that the program was cost effective or else offset its cost. The Council did not cut the program.

The Council then discussed the proposal to cut one-half of the supplement to restore the Parks division to the current level, a cut of \$254,000, which would eliminate 14 positions. Mr. Ehrler reviewed the matter and pointed out that the personnel involved were members of the roundup crews and forestry crews who were involved directly with day-to-day operations.

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved that the Council cut the PARD budget by \$373,476 with the programs that were outlined (excluding the \$254,000 cut in maintenance). The motion was seconded by Mayor McClellan with the notation that the Senior Lunch Program at Waterloo be remembered with HCD monies for that kitchen (\$62,000). Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said, "I will accept that, because I think it is very important." The motion failed to carry by the following vote:

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

Reconsideration of Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council reconsider the motion. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Cooke, Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmembers Mullen, Snell
Noes: None

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve the same motion. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

The programs outlined were listed as follows:

Custodian and Clerk in Administration	- \$ 27,437
Master Plan	- 38,515
Clerk in Security	- 12,763
200-gallon sprayer	- 3,436
Refuse truck upgrade, mowers	- 1,000
Summer gym programs	- 71,498
Mini-bus replacement	- 16,000
Northwest Recreation	- 10,400
Tennis programs	- 5,718
Pioneer Farm programs	- 29,100

Golf (travel, mowers, waterpump, irrigation, printing, paint pro shop, etc.)	- 38,399
Capital in Administration	- 7,020
Water control system and replacement of divingboards	- 11,850
Close pools after Labor Day	- 32,000
Reduce 2 hours/day at recreation centers	- 59,340
Ride mowers	- 9,000
	<u>\$373,476</u>

EMS

The Council discussed the deletion of the implementation of a physical fitness program at \$4,643.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the EMS Department be instructed to eliminate \$4,643 in their budget. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau.

Further discussion ensued before a vote was taken, with Mayor McClellan suggesting that an additional \$48,100 be deleted as a part of a phase-in on tiered operation.

Substitute Motion - Vote Failed

Councilmember Cooke moved that an additional \$48,100 (total deletion of \$52,743) be deleted from the budget. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, failed to carry by the following vote:

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

Roll Call on Original Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council eliminate the \$4,643 from the EMS budget. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

Health

Motion - Vote Failed

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council delete \$8,836 for the Clarksville Health Center from the budget. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, failed to carry by the following vote:

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

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Health Department reduce its expenditures in 79-80 by \$8,800. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

Health/Medical Assistance

The Council discussed cutting the Health Education Team for 50% at \$19,922 and one position at the Dental Clinic for \$20,000, plus adding \$25,000 for 200 people without dentures.

Motion - Vote Failed

Councilmember Goodman moved that no cuts be made from the budget and that \$25,000 be added for the Dental Clinic. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, failed to carry by the following vote:

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

Motion

Councilmember Cooke moved that the Council delete 50% of the Health Education Team at \$19,022, and \$20,000 from the Dental Clinic and add \$25,000 for dentures. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

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

Brackenridge

The Council discussed the expense involved and the benefits derived from the Brackenridge third year Nursing School.

Motion - Vote Failed

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved that \$12,157 be deleted with the September, 1980 third year Nursing School. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, failed to carry by the following vote:

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

Human Relations

Motion - Withdrawn

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau moved to delete \$600, a cut of 50% on the Where to Call Guide, and an administrative aide position for \$14,760.

After further discussion with Florence Cavil on the merits of retaining the administrative aide position, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau withdrew her motion.

Motion

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council delete \$600, which is 50% of the Where to Call Guide. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Snell, carried by the following vote:

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

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET - 1ST READING ONLY

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve the 1979-80 Budget as amended on first reading only. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke, Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmembers Mullen, Snell
Noes: None

September 25, 1979

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 12:00 A.M.

APPROVED

Carole Keeton McCullen
Mayor

ATTEST:

Grace Monroe
City Clerk