

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

July 15, 1976
7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Friedman presiding.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

The Invocation was delivered by REVEREND WAYNE HARRISON, First English Lutheran Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council approve the Minutes for July 8, 1976. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Himmelblau

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Mayor Friedman announced that the Council had met in an Executive Session earlier to discuss land matters and no final decision was made. The Council also discussed appointments to various boards and commissions as well as three members of the Council who will work with the County, the School District and the United Way on the Policy Advisory Committee in developing a master plan for social services in Austin. The Council selected Councilmembers Trevino, Himmelblau and Mayor Pro Tem Snell to represent the Council on that body.

Navigation Board

Mayor Pro Tem Snell moved that the Council appoint the following to the Navigation Board:

Mr. Jessie Segovia
Lauren Hudgins
Sophie Caply

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

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

Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Appeal Board

Mayor Friedman moved that the Council appoint the following to the Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Appeal Board:

Dr. Jerold Jones
Mr. Jim Hamric

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

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

Board of Adjustment

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council appoint the following to the Board of Adjustment:

Delores Duffie
Dr. James Daniels (alternate)

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

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

BOGGY CREEK AD HOC COMMITTEE

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council appoint the following to the Boggy Creek Ad Hoc Committee:

Reg Todd	Dr. Carl Morgan
Luther Simon	Alma Barrerra
Jerald Richards	Agnes James
Willa Marie James	Xavier Marta
Robert Rios	City Manager or his designee
Jorge Heurra	City Engineer or his designee
Carmen Gamboa	

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

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

DENICE BROOKS DAY

Mayor Friedman read and then presented a proclamation to Ms. Denice Brooks, a candidate for Miss Black America, proclaiming July 17, 1976, as "Denice Brooks Day" in Austin and urged all citizens to attend the fund-raising dance Saturday, in support of Ms. Brooks' bid for the title of Miss Black America. Mr. Clarence Hicks accepted the proclamation for Ms. Brooks and noted that she needed the support of Austin to further her in the title she will be competing for, Miss Black America. Mr. Hicks pointed out that Ms. Brooks is the second Austin girl who has won the Miss Black Texas title. He urged everyone to attend the benefit dance to help raise the funds for Ms. Brooks. A donation will also be welcome.

Later in the meeting, Mayor Friedman took the opportunity to introduce Ms. Denice Brooks, who could not be present earlier to receive her proclamation. Ms. Brooks thanked the Council for the proclamation and invited all to attend the benefit dance.

APPEARANCE TO PRESENT A PROGRESSREPORT ON TRAVIS HOUSE

Mr. Paul G. Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent, Travis House Advisory Board/Texas Youth Council, had requested to appear before the Council to present a progress report of Travis House in the Hyde Park Neighborhood; however, MR. DAVID MARTINEZ, the new Superintendent of Travis House, made the presentation. Mr. Martinez stated that a report concerning Travis House had been distributed to the Council which outlined the activities of the House since it began operation in January of 1976. Several of the residents have enrolled in McCallum High School, Austin Community College and a program with the University of Texas. Mr. Martinez felt that relations between Travis House residents and the Hyde Park residents are encouraging.

In conclusion, Mr. Martinez stated that the Travis House is a viable, functioning program that has experienced great success with the residents that have been through the program. With this in mind, he requested permission from the Council to expand the residency from ten to fourteen boys.

MR. TOM SEUHS, representing the Advisory Board, stated that at the last board meeting, it was voted to request that the Council allow the residency of Travis House to increase from ten to fourteen residents.

Motion - Died

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council grant permission to Travis House to allow the residency to increase from ten to fourteen residents. The motion died for lack of a second.

In response to Councilmember Linn's questions, Mr. Martinez stated that the House had not had over ten residents at any one time. As far as neighborhood opposition to this request, Mr. Martinez commented that there had been no opposition to this request and felt that the fear that was expressed in the beginning about the program had diminished quite substantially.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question as to whether this had to be reviewed by the Planning Commission, Mayor Friedman recalled that when this matter was originally discussed it was indicated that any future changes would require a public hearing. Mr. Dick Lillie, Director of Planning, stated that the Planning Commission recommended to the Council that 14 students would be allowed, and at the public hearing the Council agreed to limit the number to 10; that a progress report be presented before any expansion took place. Mr. Lillie commented that he did not recall the requirement for a public hearing. In response to Mayor Friedman's question, Mr. Lillie noted that notices could be processed to inform residents in the area of the proposed change and would be ready for a public hearing on July 29, 1976. Mr. Martinez pointed out that the neighborhood newsletter was distributed to the area residents informing them of this proposed change. Mayor Friedman felt that in order to be fair a public hearing should be held.

Motion

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council set a public hearing on July 29, 1976, at 3:00 p.m. to consider a request from Travis House Advisory Board/Texas Youth Council that the residency be increased from 10 to 14 residents. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

PERMISSION TO USE POLO GROUNDS FOR CHILI COOKOFF

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council grant permission to Mr. Patton Kaufman, Director, Austin Jaycees, for use of the polo grounds in Zilker Park on September 5, 1976, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a chili cookoff. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

Mr. Kaufman extended an invitation to everyone to attend the event and noted that there would be approximately 60 chili cookers participating in the event.

PUBLIC HEARING ON APPEAL OF A SPECIAL PERMIT

Mayor Friedman opened the public hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. to consider an appeal of a Special Permit granted to Bob Bailey for apartments at 4511-4529 Avenue A. MR. DICK LILLIE, Director of Planning, distributed a site plan which showed the proposed project and noted that this was a request for an appeal of a Special Permit that was granted by the Planning Commission on May 25, 1976. The project includes three structures with 34 units with a density of 23 units per acre in a "BB" Residence, 1st Height and Area District. The zoning was granted by the Council in February, 1976, for "BB" Residence, 1st Height and Area District subject to a Special Permit including a 30-foot building setback line and a 5-foot sidewalk and utility easement on Avenue A. A public hearing was held on May 4, 1976, by the Zoning Committee and several persons appeared as well as correspondence being received which object to the Special Permit because of noise and traffic that would be generated by the project. The Committee also expressed concern about the location of the parking lot in relationship to the site plan.

The Planning Commission continued the public hearing on May 25 to allow for more neighborhood input and the opportunity to view the site plan; however, at this meeting no one appeared in opposition to the plan. The application was approved by the Commission subject to departmental requirements which deleted a requirement by the Engineering and Public Works Departments to delete head-in parking on Avenue A. Also that the recommendation for the Planning Department and the Parks and Recreation Department review a landscape plan for the site be deleted. A petition was subsequently submitted to the City Clerk and a public hearing was held on an appeal.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Lillie commented that without the Special Permit apartments could be built on this tract as long as they were all one structure and would be about the same density.

MR. BOB BAILEY, the applicant, stated that he had bought the property in question from Mrs. Ramsey and noted that he also owns other property in this area. Mr. Bailey indicated that the members of the Planning Commission were concerned about the building that would be built in that it should be one continuous structure. After working with his architects, Mr. Bailey designed a plan that he felt would be a real fine project. He noted that the Environmental Resource Department requested that in addition to the parking area in the rear, that there be an additional 7-1/2 feet for a planting area along the back property line; and that there be a 6-foot privacy fence erected as well as directing the head-in parking away from the building. Mr. Bailey stated that all of this was done, and he felt the project was in compliance with the neighborhood wishes. In referring to the opposition by some of the area residents, Mr. Bailey noted that nine of the people that signed the petition are residents

and three are property owners. At this time, Mr. Bailey commented that he had a petition containing 32 signatures that are supportive of this project. In conclusion, he felt that this project would be an improvement to the neighborhood.

MRS. RAMSEY appeared in support of the project and he felt it would be an improvement to the neighborhood. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mrs. Ramsey stated that she lived in West Lake Hills but owned property on Avenue A.

JOHN YOUNG, a resident on Avenue B, appeared in opposition to the request and stated that there are already plenty of apartments in the area without adding more. If something has to be built, he suggested that it be duplexes, not two-story buildings. Mr. Young also opposed having a driveway located in his backyard, and he felt that an unbuffered zone would exist between the houses and the apartments. In conclusion, he asked that for future reference the people that live in the neighborhood be notified of zoning changes. Mayor Friedman pointed out that even without the Special Permit, Mr. Bailey can still build the apartments. In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question, Mr. Young stated if Mr. Bailey could have the project divided into three buildings and eliminate the row of parking lots adjacent to residences in the area, as well as a few other particulars, he would be in agreement with the project.

HENRY ANDERSON, 4522 Avenue B, stated that the neighborhood favored a lower density housing for the area and suggested that a park be built instead. Mr. Anderson stated that duplexes would be acceptable. Mr. Bailey noted that he was trying his best to save all of the trees in the area of the project.

LEONARD LEDANKY, a property owner in Hyde Park, appeared in opposition to this request and felt that neighborhoods could survive without apartments and that they are bad for neighborhoods. He also stated that he did not think the area was represented very well. Mayor Friedman stressed that the point under consideration was not whether Mr. Bailey could have apartments or not, but whether these apartments should be three separate buildings or one.

In response to Mayor Friedman's question as to the possibility of relocating the parking on the site plan, Mr. Bailey commented that he had worked with some of the property owners to come up with the current site plan. He pointed out that the buildings would be 70 feet from the back property line, and the automobiles will be turned into the direction of the apartments.

Mr. Lillie explained that if the Special Permit was repealed and just one building was built, then he would go to the Building Inspection Department for a permit without having to receive a site plan. The reason for requiring the Special Permit was to allow the Council more of an opportunity to view what would be built on this land. He pointed out that the neighborhood associations are notified of any zoning changes as well as having the land posted.

MRS. R. A. HOYT, a renter on Avenue B, expressed her concern about the narrowness of the street and the bad parking problem. She noted that apartments already in the area are causing traffic problems on Avenue B and asked if the parking would be limited in the new apartment project. Mr. Lillie noted that the project would require 56 spaces for parking.

BRYAN EAST referred to the requirement of a Special Permit and stated that he was informed by a person in the Planning Department that the reason for a Special Permit was due to a restrictive covenant in the deed. He also submitted that there was insufficient notice to renters who live in the area. Mayor Friedman suggested that if Mr. East had any ideas on the best way to inform everyone to please let him know.

TOM COKER stated that he had spoken with Duncan Muir, Planning Department, and was shown a restrictive covenant with the provision that there must be a Special Permit granted by the City before anything can be built on the land even after the zoning has been granted. In referring to the restrictive covenant, Mayor Friedman stated that Mr. Coker was correct, and that no construction could take place unless a Special Permit is approved.

Motion - Died

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council repeal this Special Permit granted to Bob Bailey for apartments at 4511-4529 Avenue A. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion

Councilmember Hofmann stated that the point in question was not whether to have apartments but to consider design or improvements to be made; therefore, she moved that the public hearing be closed and that the Council uphold the recommendations of the Planning Commission and uphold the Special Permit granted to Bob Bailey for apartments at 4511-4529 Avenue A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau.

Councilmember Linn pointed out that if this Special Permit is repealed, then Mr. Bailey will have to work with the neighborhood in order to develop something that would be in agreement with them. She stressed that it had been stated that no construction could take place without a Special Permit. Mayor Friedman stated that the restrictive covenant, as ordered by this Council, said no construction could take place until a Special Permit had been approved.

Roll Call on Motion

Roll Call on Councilmember Hofmann's motion, Councilmember Himmelblau's second, showed the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the motion had carried.

Mayor Friedman stated that the Special Permit is granted based on the site plan that was submitted. He commented that it was very hard for a Council to set a restrictive covenant and then vote against its own restrictive covenant. Mr. Bailey submitted that he would try and do something nice for the neighborhood.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION

Mayor Friedman opened the public hearing scheduled for 8:00 p.m. to consider the annexation of and directing the administration to institute annexation proceedings to annex the following 26.20 total acres of land (Case No. C72-76-001):

1. 7.23 acres out of the David Thomas Survey No. 1 and the Wilkerson Sparks Survey No. 4, Harvey H. Lane Associates, Inc., owners.
2. 18.97 acres of the Wilkerson Sparks Survey No. 1, portion of Lots 23 through 32, Lakeshore Addition plus unplatted land, Carl Wootten, owner.

Mr. Dick Lillie stated that both tracts of land are located on the west side of Lake Austin, both to the north of Bee Creek, in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction and contiguous to the City limit line. The tracts of land will be connected to the City's electric, water and wastewater systems.

The Los Altos project is under construction and the other project known as Harbor Village is a Planned Unit Development approved by the Council. Departmental reports have been submitted to the Council and the Research and Budget Office commented that the fiscal impact will be so small that neither the costs nor the revenues associated with their annexations will be great enough to cause any significant impact. Other departments, except police, fire, and garbage pickup, can provide services. Due to the location on the west side of the lake, police, fire, and garbage pickup is limited. Mr. Lillie recommended that annexation proceed.

MR. JIM BRADY, representing Carl Wootten, opposed the annexation of the 18.97 acres at this time. He noted that when Harbor Village was tentatively approved, one of the conditions by the Council was that annexation should be considered. Mr. Brady stated that he was in agreement with being annexed, but the Lake Austin Study is being conducted and the Council requested that development be slowed down until the Study has been completed. Therefore, there has not been submitted final approval of Harbor Village until the Lake Austin Study is completed. After reviewing the Lake Austin Study as it is now, Mr. Brady noted that his development is in conformance with the plan. In conclusion, Mr. Brady asked that the Council delay annexation until the Planned Unit Development can be finally developed and approved. Mayor Friedman asked Mr. Brady if final authorization of the PUD could be given concurrently with final passage of the annexation ordinance, and Mr. Brady stated he was in agreement with this.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question as to why the extension of the water and wastewater, Mr. Lillie noted that this was a PUD and could be served by water and wastewater which would be preferable to do rather than use septic tanks. Mr. Brady pointed out that the extension dealt with the 7.23 acres.

Motion

Mayor Friedman moved that the Council close the public hearing and authorize the ordinance to be brought back for passage concurrently with the passage of the ordinance for the Planned Unit Development known as Harbor Village, and directed the administration to institute annexation proceedings to annex the following:

18.97 acres of the Wilkerson Sparks Survey No. 1, portion of Lots 23 through 32, Lakeshore Addition plus unplatted land, Carl Wootten, owner.

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

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

Motion

Councilmember Linn moved that the public hearing be closed and directed the administration to institute annexation proceedings to annex the following:

7.23 acres out of the David Thomas Survey No. 1 and the Wilkerson Sparks Survey No. 4, Harvey H. Lane Associates, Inc., owners.

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

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

WITHDRAWAL OF ANNEXATION

The following proposed annexation was withdrawn:

27.81 acres of land out of a part of the Davis Thomas Survey and the Wilkerson Sparks Survey in Travis County, Texas.

RELEASE OF EASEMENT

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council authorize the release of the following Easement: (Applicant unable to attend meeting)

Portion of an Electric Easement five (5.00) feet in width in Lot 25, Block E, Oasis Village, Section Two, a subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, also known locally as 5904 Mojave Drive. (Requested by Mr. Clyde L. Crider, owner of Lot 25, Block E.)

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

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

CONTRACTS AWARDED

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

SOUTHWAY ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE - Aluminum Tubing, Central Stores.
3201 Longhorn Boulevard Items 1-3 - \$6,527.77
Austin, Texas

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

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

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

TECHLINE, INC. - Insulators, Central Stores.
8750 Shoalcreek Boulevard Item 1 - \$37,501.49
Austin, Texas

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

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

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

GILBERT X-RAY - X-Ray Generator, to be used
624 Hall Street by Austin-Travis County Health
Dallas, Texas Department at Rosewood-Zaragosa
Clinic - \$16,560.00

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

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

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

J. T. "BUD" WAGGONER
3400 East 1st Street
Austin, Texas

- Electric Ductlines and Concrete
Foundations at Williamson Sub-
station - \$74,113.75

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

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

Noes: None

CONTRACT WITH TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESOURCES FOR A
SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution for authorization for the Health Department to enter into a contract with the Texas State Department of Health Resources in the amount of up to \$376,650 for the continuation of the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children. (Period: July 1, 1976 to September 30, 1978) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT TO OPERATE INFORMATION AND
REFERRAL SERVICE

The Council had before it for consideration the authorization to accept a Federal grant of \$35,612 through the Capital Area Planning Council to operate an Information and Referral System for older adults. ~~MNR.~~ TOM JOHNSON stated that he and several others were concerned with this item and had a meeting with Mr. Jack Robinson, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Mr. Andy Ramirez, Director of Human Resources, who explained answers to many unanswered questions. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Johnson noted, as shown by their attendance at the Council meeting, that senior citizens are interested in how tax money is being spent.

At this time, Mr. Johnson read from the Minutes of the last meeting of the Aging Advisory Council of CAPCO whereby they recommended that the Lutheran Social Services of Texas grant be submitted for approval in the amount of \$38,472 with the stipulation that one of the staff positions be filled with a bilingual person; and that this be included in the contract. After talking with Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Johnson commented that he recommended that consideration be given to subletting the contract to the Texas Lutheran Social Services for the following reasons:

1. They have 24-hour service.
2. Volunteers, some bilingual, do the work.

Mr. Johnson also noted a new device that the Lutheran services have that enables three different parties to talk at the same time.

Councilmember Trevino pointed out that the recommendation to the Executive Committee of CAPCO was to award the contract either to the City and no agency or department was specified, or to the Lutheran Services. He stated that the Executive Committee concurred unanimously to award it to the City of Austin. Mr. Johnson noted that the Committee on Aging represents the people, and an arbitrary decision was made by the Director of CAPCO to disallow the recommendation of the Committee. Councilmember Trevino stressed the point that the Executive Director did offer the two choices for consideration, and the Executive Committee made the decision.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question as to whether or not this could be subcontracted, Mr. Ramirez stated that this could be done. The 24-hour service and the addition of the new device for the telephone would have to be added. Councilmember Linn pointed out that a subcontractor already has this capability. In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's questions concerning subcontracting, Mr. Ramirez commented that the subcontractor would be required to have the in-kind match or services. He noted that within the centers there are people who work directly with the client and provide direct transportation.

Councilmember Trevino stressed the importance of involving the entire elderly community.

Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Robinson had suggested the use of the Old Bakery as a walk-in informational referral location. Mayor Friedman felt that this was a good idea and something that would have to be considered by the State, since the property belongs to them.

MARIE BRUFFY, representing the South Austin Advisory Board, asked Mr. Johnson how many minority and low income senior citizens receive the services that Mr. Johnson discussed. Mr. Johnson stated that no distinction was made. Mrs. Bruffy felt that the Human Resources Department is the appropriate place for the contract. She did not think the minority group of people was being represented. At this time, Mrs. Bruffy asked all of the senior citizens supporting the contract being given to the Human Resources Department to stand. In her presentation, Mrs. Bruffy pointed out that the senior citizens being referred to the Human Resources Department by the Parks and Recreation Department are causing a duplication of services. The senior citizens of South Austin are being ignored in many ways under this current program, and no board or commission is available to whom they can address their complaints. In conclusion, Mrs. Bruffy stated that regardless of which department receives the services, it is imperative that an advisory board or commission be established soon for these senior citizens; that the board or commission consists of at least 50% of the minority and low income senior citizens.

Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she resented the aspersions that Mrs. Bruffy had cast upon the program that Parks and Recreation Department has for the senior citizens. She felt that this was where the senior citizen's program started and felt it was an excellent program.

PAUL HERNANDEZ, member of the East First Street Neighborhood Advisory Board, introduced Mr. Howard Hunt, a member of the East First Street Neighborhood Advisory Board and an advisory board member of Services for the Elderly; and Mrs. Marjorie Rodriguez, an advisory board member of the East First Street Neighborhood Center.

MR. WILLIAM HUNT, a member of the East First Street Neighborhood Center, stated that the advisory board felt that the Human Resources Department should accept this grant; and that an advisory board should be created with members of the senior citizens who would be eligible to participate in this project.

MRS. MARJORIE RODRIGUEZ supported the grant being given to the Human Resources Department. Mr. Hernandez stressed the importance of having an advisory board and felt there was no way for input from the people unless an advisory board was created. He urged the Council to let the Human Resources Department be in charge of this project.

PAUL KILLIAM, associated with Lutheran Social Services, stated that his organization was available for the subcontracts for the 24-hour service and the three-way telephone system. He also pointed out that the Lutheran Social Services works with the adult day care center in East Austin, which services participants each day that are approximately 85 years old and all are Black or Mexican-Americans.

FAY CAMPBELL, South Austin Senior Citizens Club, asked the Council that a committee be appointed so the elderly people can go to them and express their problems. She suggested the possibility that one elderly person from each one of the centers be allowed to be on the committee. Mrs. Campbell then reviewed some of the grievances of the Club which included no place for them to dance or smoke. Councilmember Linn asked the City Manager if he could find a location for the senior citizens to have their recreational activities.

MR. LYLE HAMNER felt that the point in question was who could do the best job of serving the people. He felt that the Lutheran Services could and would do a fine job and would support them for this grant. BOSTON P. GRANT, associated with Rosewood Center, stated that he supported the Human Resources Department receiving this grant. Councilmember Trevino felt that an advisory committee should have the opportunity to recommend whether to subcontract or not. Mr. Johnson asked that whatever the decision is that services not be duplicated.

City Manager Davidson commented that this service could be placed in any one of four or five City Departments and should be a City program which is available to all citizens. He commended the fine services that have been performed by the Parks and Recreation Department in connection with the programs for senior citizens. He stated that those that have a problem with the program should relate their concerns to Mr. Jack Robinson, and he would be glad to help them. Mr. Davidson stated that no matter what the decision is, there would not be any conflict between City departments.

City Manager Davidson recommended that since this program touches many agencies in Travis County and within the City, that the Council make a decision tonight that this particular segment of the seniors' program be placed under the Human Resources Department.

Statement and Motion

Councilmember Trevino made the following statement and motion:

"Mr. Mayor, members of the Council, I believe very strongly that this program belongs under the auspices of the Human Resources Department. What is required of an Information and Referral, if not close coordination with various human service agencies?

In light of the fact that the Human Resources Department is directly responsible for that sort of coordination, the logic of placing this program in any other department simply escapes me. The Human Resources Department, by its very nature, is best designed to accommodate it.

An advisory committee consisting of senior citizens from all walks of life in our community can and will be established to assure that all senior citizens are represented. The point of this program is to render a vital service to Austin's senior citizens, and I believe that the service will be most effectively executed under the Human Resources Department; and, therefore, I move that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing that the grant of \$35,612 through the Capital Area Planning Council to operate an Information and Referral System for older adults be accepted, and that it be administered by the Human Resources Department.

Furthermore, I move that we instruct the City Manager to contact concerned groups and report back to the Council a plan for constituting a representative advisory committee."

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

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

*Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she felt this service could operate just as well under the Parks and Recreation Department, but in respect to the City Manager and her colleague Councilmember Trevino, she voted, "yes."

*Councilmember Linn stated that she voted "yes" only if a place could be found for the senior citizens to have their recreational activities.

CONTRACT WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE FOR DIRECT
DIAL FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for direct dial in service and pay a one-time charge of \$11,397.00 for conversion of the Electric Department's telephone system to a dimension 400 System. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Friedman reminded the staff that next week a public hearing had been set for Southwestern Bell; however, because of the pending Railroad Commission matter and the pending absence of two Councilmembers, this public hearing would have to be postponed. City Manager Davidson stated that he would notify the telephone company of the postponement. Mayor Friedman noted that the Council would reset the hearing at the July 22, 1976, Council meeting.

ZONING ORDINANCES

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA AND CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS:

A 5.938 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, SAVE AND EXCEPT A FIFTY FOOT STRIP OF LAND WHERE ADJACENT TO CRAIGWOOD SUBDIVISION WHICH IS HEREBY ZONED FROM INTERIM "AA" RESIDENCE, INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "A" RESIDENCE, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 4621-4625 ED BLUESTEIN BOULEVARD, FROM INTERIM "AA" RESIDENCE, INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "D" INDUSTRIAL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (East Industrial District [excluding Tracor and Motorola Tracts], C14-75-126)

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) A 10,049 SQUARE FOOT TRACT OF LAND, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 9200 F. M. ROAD 1325, FROM "D" INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO "C-2" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; AND,
 - (2) 2.5 ACRES OUT OF THE SOUTHEAST PART OF BLOCK "B," DIVISION "BB," ROBERTSON SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 802 SAN MARCOS STREET, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "A-H" RESIDENCE-HISTORIC DISTRICT; AND,
 - (3) THE EAST 60 FEET OF LOTS 10, 11, AND 12, BLOCK 111, ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN LOCALLY KNOWN AS 112 EAST 9TH STREET, FROM "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C-H" COMMERCIAL-HISTORIC DISTRICT;
- SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Wayne Dayton and George Weems, C14-76-047; French Legation, C14h-74-023; Millett Opera House, C14h-76-004)

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS:
LOTS 23 AND 24, TARRYTOWN SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2408-2410 EXPOSITION BOULEVARD, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Westenfield Development Company, C14-76-044)

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The Council had before it for consideration an ordinance amending the Capital Improvements Program to reappropriate funds for the Operating Budget of the General Funds and appropriating accumulated reserves in the Vehicle Replacement funds to the Operating Budget of the General Funds.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 750925-D, ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975-1976, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 750911-B, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976-1976 BY REAPPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE GENERAL RUND, AND BY APPROPRIATING ACCUMULATED RESERVES IN THE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING ORDINANCES TO BE READ ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency, and finally pass the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Trevino.

Councilmember Trevino instructed the City Manager to designate money taken out of CCD No. 5 be replaced with revenue sharing that is forthcoming.

City Manager Davidson stated that if this was concurred in by the Council, he would have this as an item before the Council when the revenue sharing funds are brought before the Council for consideration. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Snell's question, City Manager Davidson noted that the Webberville Road Golf Course plans would be included in the next budget. Mayor Friedman pointed out that revenue sharing has been approved by the House of Representatives for the next three years starting January 1.

FATHER JOE ZNOTAS stated that the Parish Board in the Govalle area met in a special session last week and opposed this reappropriation of funds. He felt that his area was not receiving any help, but everything was being taken away. City Manager Davidson explained that the action being requested from the Council does not preclude the Council from undertaking a few streets or the entire project, if that is feasible. This work for the area referred to by Father Znotas will be done as soon as it is feasible.

Roll Call on Motion

Roll Call on Councilmember Lebermann's motion, Councilmember Trevino's second, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE SOLAR ENERGY

The Council had before it for consideration that a program to encourage the utilization of solar energy should be undertaken. Councilmember Hofmann requested that the Council:

1. Instruct the City Manager to review each new City building developed under the CIP program for potential solar energy application. Consideration should be given to practical application, technical feasibility, economics, and the potential for funding from outside sources. City facilities that would be most applicable for these type considerations are:
 - a. Small recreation centers
 - b. Fire stations
 - c. Branch libraries
 - d. Small office facilities
2. Instruct the City Manager to investigate and conduct surveys and studies on the technical and financial feasibility of direct involvement by the City of Austin in the commercial utilization of solar energy in the City of Austin Electric Utility service area. The studies should address the application of solar energy for:

- a. Water heating
- b. Space heating and water heating
- c. Cooling systems

3. Instruct the City Manager to provide in the 1976-1977 budget necessary funding for personnel and expenses to establish a Research and Development group to pursue the items outlined in the two above paragraphs. This group should also study the resultant energy and demand impact on the City of Austin Electric System, and the financial impact on the City of Austin.

Councilmember Hofmann stated that she had discussed this matter with the City Manager and Mr. R. L. Hancock, Director of Electric Utility, and they both are very supportive of the project.

Councilmember Trevino expressed concern with item (3) and felt the Council would be committing itself to a certain amount of money without knowing how much. Councilmember Hofmann suggested that coordination would be a better term used here instead of instruction. Mayor Friedman suggested that it be listed as a potential option for Council consideration.

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council request that a program to encourage the utilization of solar energy be undertaken along the guidelines as outlined in the aforementioned items 1-3. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED 1976-77 WATER AND WASTEWATER BOND PROGRAM

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council set public hearings on the proposed 1976-77 Water and Wastewater Bond Program as follows:

1. July 22, 1976 at 11:00 a.m.
2. July 29, 1976 at 3:30 p.m.
3. August 5, 1976 at 3:00 p.m..

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

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

SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR 1976-81

Mayor Friedman moved that the Council set public hearings on the proposed Capital Improvements Program for 1976-81 as follows:

1. August 19, 1976 at 7:30 p.m.
2. August 26, 1976 at 10:30 a.m.
3. September 2, 1976 (no definite time set)

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

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

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION OF APPROACH MAIN COMMITTEE

Motion

Mayor Friedman moved that the Council set a public hearing on September 2, 1976, at 3:00 p.m. to consider the recommendations of the Approach Main Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Linn.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council set a public hearing on July 22, 1976, at 2:30 p.m. to consider the recommendations of the Approach Main Committee. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the substitute motion had carried, and the hearing on recommendations of the Approach Main Committee was set for 2:30 p.m., July 22, 1976.

PROPOSED AD HOC COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH MINIMUM
HOUSING ENFORCEMENT

The Council had before it for consideration a proposed Ad Hoc Committee to study codes, ordinances and policies governing minimum housing enforcement.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell made the following statement and motion:

"One of my major areas of concern both before and during my term on the Council has been the quality of housing which is available to Austin citizens.

I have been concerned for some time about the low to moderate income family who, because of the soaring cost of living and the lack of availability of standard quality, low-cost housing, are forced either into over-crowded housing projects or affordable, but unsafe, substandard houses.

I have been concerned for residents of well-kept middle class neighborhoods who, on occasion, must stand idly by and watch delapidated, unsafe and unsightly structures moved onto vacant lots next door or across the street and left in a deteriorated conditions for months or years on end.

I feel in order to preserve and protect the integrity of existing Austin neighborhoods, we must control the quality of housing stock which is allowed to exist in those neighborhoods.

Since Austin is a growing City, it is particularly important to the overall development of our community that we be able to accommodate that growth with standard quality housing.

I am, therefore, asking that this Council approve this proposal calling for a 7-9 member Ad Hoc Building Standards Study Committee. The charge of this committee would be as follows:

Objectives of the Ad-Hoc Committee
for Standard Housing in Austin

1. Examine existing housing conditions within the City of Austin.
 - a. Number of low-cost dwelling units available within the City of Austin for low income families.
 - b. Number of low-cost dwelling units needed within the City of Austin.
 - c. Number of low-cost occupied dwellings which are considered substandard or standard.
 - d. Number of low-cost vacant dwellings which are considred substandard or standard.
 - e. Number of low-cost housing units proposed or under construction.
2. Examine effects of minimum housing code enforcement program on the provision of low-cost housing to Austin citizens.
 - a. Does the program encourage rehabilitation to prevent a needless loss of housing units?
 - b. Does the program do an adequate job of getting badly decomposed housing demolished?
 - c. When houses are demolished, are they normally replaced with standard units?

- d. Should the City enforce the ordinance against occupied dwellings or only vacant structures?
3. Examine adequacy of codes and ordinances.
 - a. Is Austin's Minimum Housing Code adequate, or should it be amended or rewritten?
 - b. How does Austin's ordinance compare with that of other cities?
 - c. As written, does the ordinance encourage rehabilitation as opposed only to demolition?
 - d. Are penalty provisions adequate?
4. Examine relationship between agencies which have an effect on the provision of housing.
 - a. Building Standards Commission.
 - b. Austin Housing Authority.
 - c. Urban Renewal Agency.
 - d. City of Austin Administrative Departments.
5. Determine policy recommendations for consideration of City Council and other recommendations for appropriate agencies.
6. Organize a work program and timetable so that the entire task can be accomplished no later than January 1, 1977.

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Snell moved that the Council approve the proposal calling for a 7-9 member Ad Hoc Building Standards Study Committee to study codes, ordinances and policies governing minimum housing enforcement. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL LAUNDRY SERVICE

City Manager Davidson stated that he was not requesting any action from the Council this evening on this matter, but he did want to explain the objectives that are trying to be achieved. He noted that this item would be placed on a future Council agenda for action at that time.

MR. WILLIAM KING BROWN, Administrator of Brackenridge Hospital, stated that beginning in 1974, after realizing the construction funding situation, a feasibility study was undertaken to determine long-range capability of the current laundry in Brackenridge Hospital. The study considered three major

aspects of the laundry which included (1) the ability of our laundry; (2) totally replacing the laundry if construction funds are available; and (3) turning to available laundry resources in the community of Austin on a contractual basis. The main concern to be addressed is the impact on hospital personnel, and Mr. Brown noted that there is a very fine and dedicated staff employed by the laundry at the present time. He pointed out that the current condition of the laundry equipment is not good and to replace it would cost an extensive amount. He felt that if the laundry could not operate their own laundry, then it would be advisable to look in the direction of contracting for laundry service. Mr. Brown stated that he had reviewed the current practices around Texas and Austin concerning the operation of hospital laundries, and it was learned that Brackenridge is the only hospital in Austin that operates its own laundry.

In conclusion, Mr. Brown felt that to construct a new laundry would be costly to the City, and he felt that there are several alternatives to this matter. In response to Mayor Friedman's question concerning the current employees in the laundry, Mr. Brown commented that no current employee with the laundry would lose their position with the City.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Brown stated that Brackenridge was larger than St. David's and Seton, and the amount of laundry averaged per day by Brackenridge is approximately 20 pounds per patient. Much of this is due to the Emergency Room operations. Mr. Brown commented that he had not made an indepth study of other Texas hospitals as far as the operations of their laundries. Mr. Brown pointed out that a shared laundry service has also been considered with some of the other hospitals in Austin several years ago, but at that time funding was not available.

Councilmember Linn asked Mr. Brown if the laundry system at Brackenridge had caused any of the deficit, Mr. Brown felt that as a result of the study that has been performed by him and his staff, as well as the budget staff, that the laundry service could be performed more cheaply by contracting it out.

MR. JOSEPH F. PINNELLI, Business Agent, AFSCME, appeared before the Council to speak against the closing of Brackenridge Hospital Laundry. He stated that he was concerned about three things associated with this matter: (1) jobs, (2) efficiency and (3) tax dollars. Mr. Pinnelli commented that many of the employees of the laundry are career people and do not want another job. He felt that the quality of service will be a matter of concern if the laundry is contracted out. Mr. Pinnelli then referred to the report that was distributed to the Council outlining the various costs of operation for the laundry and asked several questions concerning it. Mr. Harry Savio, Budget Officer, responded to these questions and suggested that Mr. Pinnelli meet with him to discuss any problems concerning this report.

Mr. Al Baker, Purchasing Department, responded to Mr. Pinnelli's question concerning the pounds of laundry and prices and stated that the contract would be based on a per pound practice and the actual usage encountered.

Mr. Pinnelli concluded by stating that in his opinion it would still be cheaper for the City to invest money over a ten-year period and amortize the equipment. Mayor Friedman pointed out that this possibly was true, however, the money was not available to do this. Mr. Pinnelli suggested that the Council

could consider placing this on the Bond issue that will be presented to the citizens in the very near future. He stressed that he was very concerned about the number of employees at the laundry that would be involved if the laundry is closed.

Mayor Friedman pointed out to Mr. Pinnelli that all of the City employees will be treated fairly and present employees at the laundry will be given the opportunity to be transferred to another City department if they so desire; some will even be given the opportunity to stay at the laundry if they so desire.

Councilmember Linn asked Mr. Brown that when a final report is prepared, she would like to have a comparison of other hospitals with similar size and laundry poundage as Brackenridge which also operate Emergency Rooms. This would be for hospitals located in Texas.

LIBRARY COMMISSION REQUEST FOR EXTRA FLOOR TO CENTRAL LIBRARY

Mr. Fred Sackett, President of the Austin Public Library Commission, appeared before the Council to request the approval of a change order to add an extra floor to the Central Library Building. He stated that if an extra floor is added, the elevators must be changed from hydraulic to traction types, and the contractor is now at the point of having to know the type in order to excavate. Mr. Sackett then reviewed with the Council the reasons for this request as follows:

1. It will be a savings to the taxpayers. If the floor is added later, the cost will be at least twice the current amount.
2. Even with the extra, the building will still be near the low side of the square foot per capita standard set by the American Library Association.
3. No additional bond issue will be required.
4. The addition will not jeopardize the enlargement of the north regional branch to its originally intended size of 15,000 square feet.

Mr. Sackett pointed out that the Library Commission continues to support the addition of branches as outlined in the Master Plan, and the Commission has specifically supported the proposed Carver Branch; however, that proposed site for the Carver Branch has not been acquired and may take considerable time to acquire, since it is located on park land jointly owned by the City and Austin Independent School District. In conclusion, Mr. Sackett commented that he did not want to see the extra space stay idle; therefore, he asked that the Council approve the change order and then use the space for another compatible City department until such time as it is needed by the library.

MRS. WILLIE KIRK, a member of the Library Commission, appeared in opposition to this request. She stated that the excess of \$1,000,000 should not be used for a 5th floor, because when the library was on the drawing board, if there had been a need for the floor, it would have been included at that time.

Mrs. Kirk then addressed her comments to the Carver Branch Library and pointed out that two main libraries have been built since anything has been done to the Carver Branch. At the present time, there are no facilities such as restrooms for the public, tables to eat at and a lack of storage space. She could not understand why the people of East Austin have to always come to the Council to ask for things they should have and don't. Mrs. Kirk stated that she was aware of money in the CIP for a new Carver Branch but nothing has been stipulated about the restoration of the present structure. In her concluding thoughts, Mrs. Kirk urged the Council not to approve this request for a 5th floor. Councilmember Hofmann stated that she had visited the Carver Branch and found the conditions as outlined by Mrs. Kirk to be true.

MRS. JUDY HELBURN, a member of the Library Commission, noted that she was in agreement with Mrs. Kirk regarding the Carver Branch; however, she felt that there were two different matters being discussed. She felt a 5th floor was needed and would be a wonderful attraction to the downtown area that would continue to attract the public. Mr. Sackett commented that he was also concerned about the Carver Branch but agreed with Ms. Helburn that two different things were being considered.

Councilmember Linn inquired about the elevator and excavating cost, how much money is available, and the possibilities of spending money now for the Carver Branch Library.

Councilmember Lebermann suggested that this item be postponed for a week or two to consider these concerns. Councilmember Trevino stated that a memo had been received from the City Manager concerning information on this matter, but that some additional time was needed to address the concerns that have been expressed.

In response to Mayor Friedman's question, MR. FRED DAY, one of the architects on the project, stated that the construction could be delayed without any significant problem.

Councilmember Hofmann referred to the memo that was received and pointed out that the library was bid \$1,000,000 under the original estimate. MR. JOE LIRO, Assistant City Manager, stated that this was correct and that the cost of the additional 5th floor would cost \$730,000 for the shell and an additional \$302,000 to finish it for operation. He noted that if this money is not spent, about \$80,000 a year would be saved on the service debt and operating budget. He added that when the bonds were voted on, the City knew that they could sell the bonds and service the debt without the need to ~~change~~ the present tax rate, which is still the case. Councilmember Hofmann expressed that she was very reluctant to spend another \$80,000, since the City is under a financial crisis at this time. City Manager Davidson pointed out that the money does come out of the debt service levy, as opposed to the operating service tax levy.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell called the Council's attention to the fact that already \$500,000 has been cut out of East Austin which was to have been used for streets; \$200,000 has been eliminated that was to have been used for a golf course in East Austin; the employees that will be involved by the laundry situation at Brackenridge Hospital are mostly from East Austin; and Mayor Pro Tem Snell felt that the \$1,000,000 could be used to do something for the Carver Branch Library.

Councilmember Linn felt that the Council should be prepared for the fact that the library is probably going to be built to six or seven floors sooner or later, and there needed to be preparation made for this expansion with the elevator construction. Mayor Pro Tem Snell stated that if this is done, he would like to have a restroom in the Carver Branch Library.

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council postpone any decision on the addition of a fifth floor to the Central Library Building until July 22, 1976. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Trevino also suggested that the Council read the memo that was received from the City Manager concerning the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

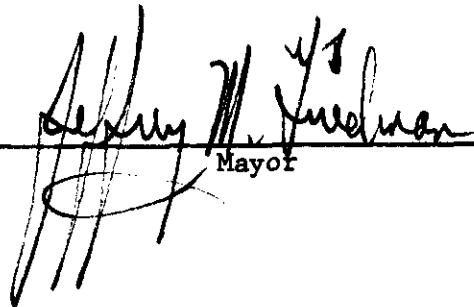
ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Friedman announced that the Council would meet in an Executive Session on July 22, 1976, at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Council meeting.


ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk