

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

September 15, 1977
9:30 A.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

RECOGNITION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor McClellan asked Mayor Pro Tem Snell to join her in the center of the dais to recognize the termination of his service to the City as Mayor Pro Tem for two years and four months. The Mayor expressed her special thanks for his hard work and dedication, and told him that as a new Mayor she had found him to be a gentleman with whom it is easy to get along and has been "terrific to work with."

Councilmember Snell told the Mayor, Council and Chamber audience that he has found it to be an honor to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. He told the Mayor she would have received the same cooperation from any of the Councilmembers, who, he said, work together for the progress of the City. He also expressed his gratitude to the City staff members who he cited as being most helpful to him throughout his term as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor McClellan then asked Councilmember Himmelblau to join her at the center of the dais and declared her to be Mayor Pro Tem for the next four months. She told Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau that all of the City recognizes her dedication, "Just as I do," and is looking forward with great anticipation to having her as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor McClellan also noted that there are now two women at the helm in Austin.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau thanked the Mayor and other Councilmembers for the opportunity to serve in her new capacity. She also thanked Councilmember Snell for paving the way for her. She commented that perhaps it may even be a first for the nation to have a woman Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. The Mayor Pro Tem recognized her husband, Dr. David Himmelblau.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The Council had before it for consideration approval of the 1977-82 Capital Improvements Program and passage of the Ordinance appropriating funds for fiscal year 1977-78.

Councilmember Cooke stated he wanted to make some comments. He had provided Councilmembers with some comments regarding proposals with regard to the C.I.P. First, he said, he wanted to talk about Parks and Recreation and said some of the information provided had already been discussed. He said there were some things he wanted to move to FY 77-78:

1. Page 143 78/86-18 Wooten Park Improvements \$40,000
(originally it was contingent on HCD funds which are not forthcoming)
2. Page 123 75/86-31 Zilker Garden Improvements, \$50,000
Restrooms
3. Page 137 77/86-16 Removal of Barriers at \$56,000
Swimming Pools

Mayor McClellan thought that the amount allotted, \$100,000, was minimal. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau suggested they look at Stacy Pool which she understands has a heated facility, and use this as a pilot project for the removal of the barriers. Councilmember Cooke agreed it would be a good pilot location and continued with his recommendations:

4. Page 122 75/86-25 Butler Softball Field \$10,000
Improvements
5. Page 138 77/86-25 Pan American Center Im- \$15,000
provements
- no number Lighting of Softball Fields \$59,000
6. Page 138 78/86-01 Doris Miller Auditorium (\$50,000 HCD
Restroom Improvements Contingency Funds)

Councilmember Cooke continued with a list of deferrals as follows:

1. Page 144 75/86-12 Lions Municipal Golf Course \$50,000
2. Page 143 78/86-17 PARD Administration Building \$40,000
Improvements

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| 3. | Page 129 | 76/86-06 | Bartholomew Recreation
Facility Improvements
Pool Repairs | \$20,000 |
| 4. | Page 125 | 75/86-47 | Bartholomew Park
Improvements, Restrooms | \$15,000 |
| 5. | Page 125 | 75/86-45 | Southeast District Park
Development | \$50,000 |
| 6. | Page 121 | 75/86-14 | Playground Acquisition | \$40,000 |

Councilmember Cooke continued, "I would like to keep Page 118 75/86-46 Walnut Creek Park Development for \$35,000, and I would like to take \$35,000 from the Park Acquisition of \$350,000 that we talked about yesterday which would reduce that by \$35,000. That is Parks. Much of this we have already talked about." Mayor McClellan asked him if he would leave the tennis like it was discussed yesterday. "Yes, I would," he answered. "Lighting and the re-surfacing at Caswell?" Mayor McClellan asked. "Right," he replied. "And LBJ court lighting?" she asked. "Yes," he replied. Councilmember Snell asked if he wanted to cut out the \$26,000 on Doris Miller Auditorium? Councilmember Cooke answered he is recommending contingency HCD funds for \$50,000 for the restoration of Doris Miller Auditorium. Councilmember Snell asked why he wanted to use HCD funds. Councilmember Mullen said that, "if HCD funds are available and can be utilized there, and the other money can be pulled out and used in the rest of the community, where HCD funds can't be utilized, why not do it that way?"

Councilmember Snell said he thought they should stop using HCD funds just in East Austin. Councilmember Mullen said he agreed. If they could use HCD funds anywhere else he certainly would go along with him, but "we can't." Councilmember Cooke said if they could use HCD funds for Wooten Park, he would be all for it. "As you recall," replied Councilmember Trevino, "we proposed that, but HUD would not accept it." "For too long," continued Councilmember Trevino, "the City of Austin was dependent on federal funds to make improvements in East Austin and other target areas. The old Council talked about utilizing bond monies for the impacted areas also. What we do, we go into East Austin and other parts of the community and ask people to support bond issues and we don't use bond money for improvements."

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said she was in agreement with using the funds this year because the restrooms at Doris Miller were not programmed until 1978. If you want to wait for another bond election, she said, and use bond money for that, then she would be agreeable. Councilmember Goodman said he thought they should use that same argument for the McCarty Lane Parkland acquisition which involves a far greater sum of money, \$350,000 not authorized in 1975. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau replied major parkland acquisition was in the 1975 bond program. She continued that if they have 1977 or 1978 programs which were not voted on by the voters and they can use another source, let's do it and honor the wishes of the voters of Austin who approved the bond program. Councilmember Snell said they had to remember there is another bond election coming up, and the people of East Austin will be asked to support it. "I am sure," he said, "they will feel they have no reason to support a bond program when there is no bond money being put into East Austin."

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau answered they have put a tremendous amount of bond money in. "Last year," she continued, "we took bond money that wasn't even programmed, because the Council felt we should put programs into East Austin." Councilmember Trevino said, "Yes, but while you recall the last Council was very generous to East Austin, it's about time. For many years it has been neglected." Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau replied she did not think using HCD funds when they can be used this way is not keeping faith with the people. "They are going to get their project," said Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau. "We have the money available this way." Councilmember Cooke asked, "Why wouldn't you want to use the money?"

Councilmember Trevino asked what would happen to the Webberville Road Improvements. Mayor Pro Tem proposed moving it back a year. Mayor McClellan said she did not agree. Councilmember Trevino said if they don't move it back, what kind of monies are they going to use, bond or HCD? Councilmember Mullen said, "HCD, again we want to keep the downtown area up, you do too. We can't use HCD funds there, so let's use them where we can. Otherwise, you can turn them back to the government, let them have them back, I guess, and then say, 'Let the citizen's of Austin suffer because we don't want the funds, because we want to show good faith and put our money there and let the Federal government have their money back.'" "That's really just great," concluded Councilmember Mullen.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said the Planning Commission evidently thought the Webberville Road project could wait a year because they shifted it. "I don't think the link-up will be ready to really use this section for another year. Councilmember Cooke said the result of this proposal was a serious concern he had as a result of some concluding things that took place at last night's work session, which in essence deleted the entire \$350,000 for the park acquisition in the southwest part of the City. It concerns him that the money was there and they took it and divided it up. He said he thought the Planning Commission has made a stronger recommendation in that area than some of the recommendations they made that they didn't feel like the City was putting enough money into park acquisition and wanted to beef that up in later years, yet we as a Council have talked about deleting the entire \$350,000. Mayor McClellan said they also felt very strongly about those areas that are already within City limits that are not being served as they should be, and it was a commitment to try to keep on schedule Southeast District Park, Walnut Creek Park in north Austin and also try to keep from getting too far off schedule with the Waller Creek development in the inner City.

Mayor McClellan asked Jorge Carrasco what has been done about Webberville Road and HCD monies, and also is there enough HCD money for Webberville Road and Doris Miller Auditorium? Mr. Carrasco said he believed the balance in the HCD contingency account is just a little over \$300,000. Councilmember Cooke asked if it wasn't \$85,000 of contingency they were talking about for Webberville Road. "That's correct," said Mr. Carrasco, "The project as proposed yesterday would include \$70,000 in bond funds for Congress Avenue and \$85,000 in HCD contingency funds." Mayor McClellan asked what would happen if they did not take \$70,000 from the bond fund. Mr. Carrasco said HCD funds could be used for the entire project. Mayor Pro Tem Snell asked where they stood on the linkage and if that project (Webberville Road) could be delayed until next year without being detrimental in that area. Mr. John German, Director, Public Works Department, said he was not sure what the schedule is with the Highway Department. Regarding Webberville Road, he said, there is currently money

available for the design of that project. It's about 30% complete and there is enough money available in the current project to complete that engineering. The plans will be ready some time in February. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked what would happen if this plan were slid back one year. Mr. German said it would leave the money unfunded.

Councilmember Cooke asked Mr. Andy Ramirez, Director, Human Resources, how much money is in the HCD fund. Mr. Ramirez answered, "About \$301,000." Councilmember Cooke asked him what would be wrong with putting \$50,000 into Doris Miller and \$85,000 into Webberville Road. Mayor McClellan clarified that and said it would be \$155,000 into Webberville Road from HCD funds. Councilmember Snell said this would be the same thing they had been talking about regarding bond money and HCD money. Mayor McClellan answered, "I hear you and I know what you are talking about. I think bond money should be spent in all parts of the City, but HCD can't go in all parts of the City. What we are trying to do is handle a lot of situations at once. Money is money and when that project is complete...I'd be delighted to use those HCD funds in some other place, but we have been told, no, we can't. We tried to use them in Congress Avenue drainage and Wooten Park, but were told we could not. We are trying to get the City up to the level we want in all parts of the City and some monies we can use some places and some we can't."

Councilmember Trevino said HCD monies are intended, by Congress, to be used above and beyond bond money. "We are going to use HCD in lieu of, and I feel that is in violation of the spirit of Congressional action." Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked if they could have a list of bond money from 1975 on that has gone into East Austin. Councilmember Trevino said that in addition he wanted to know how much bond money has been used in East Austin in the past 20 years. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said she was not responsible for the past 20 years, but she did vote in 1975 and 1976, and is ready to vote today. Councilmember Trevino said he has a responsibility because of the neglect of their predecessors to make up for what they did not do. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said she felt a responsibility for the whole City of Austin and would use the money as she saw fit to protect the City with Capital Improvements. Councilmember Trevino replied that is the prerogative of each Councilmember.

Councilmember Cooke asked Mr. Robinson, Director of Parks and Recreation, a question regarding his request for deferring \$50,000 for Lion's Golf Course which is for environmental and improving the maintenance area and doing some modification to the rest rooms. He said he wanted some additional information. Mr. Robinson said those funds are surcharge funds which the golfers pay with each round they play. They are restricted only for the improvement of the golf courses and cannot be transferred to some other use. Councilmember Mullen asked Mr. Robinson how the money going into East Austin for parks and recreation compare to the rest of the City. Mr. Robinson replied he did not have the report with him that had been prepared for the Federal District Courts some six or eight months ago, but he believed the study did show a percentage above 25% has gone into the East Austin area for the past 20 years for the development of recreational facilities.

Councilmember Mullen then asked, "In your operating budget is at least 25% or more going to East Austin at the present time?" "For programmatic dollars, yes, sir," replied Mr. Robinson. Councilmember Mullen wanted to know how much. Mr. Robinson said he did not recall the exact figures but estimated somewhere about 30%. Councilmember Snell asked what he was including in the

figure. Mr. Robinson replied it included recreational facilities such as playgrounds, recreation centers, ball fields, and improvements of this type. A discussion ensued concerning the boundaries, and Mr. Davidson, City Manager, said they were discussing the pre-set boundaries used in tabulating for all City services. He said if Councilmember Snell wanted them to tabulate based on a new boundary, they would be happy to do so. But Mr. Robinson was quoting figures based on the way it was.

Councilmember Snell said his main interest was in the restroom facilities at Doris Miller Auditorium. People are using the auditorium more and more, but women cannot go into those restrooms with evening gowns on. Mr. Davidson said they were not arguing against those improvements. Mayor McClellan asked Councilmember Snell if he objected to using HCD monies for Doris Miller. He said he did. Mayor McClellan said he had referred to "above and beyond" regarding federal funds and asked if he did not think this was "above and beyond." Councilmember Trevino said that something may come up during the year that they feel is important, and then the money will not be in contingency. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said that, during the previous day's discussion, it had been Councilmember Trevino's suggestion that had brought \$85,000 of HCD contingency into the Webberville Road project. Councilmember Trevino reiterated the need for a good strong ending balance. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said she agreed with him, they do need the contingency, but if they feel they want to move on these projects, this is where they take the money, otherwise she is willing to wait until next year's bond program. Councilmember Mullen said he felt there is no comparison between ending balances for HCD contingency and bonding funds.

After further discussion, the Council decided that since this was the first opportunity the Council had to look at each other's proposals, then they should go on with the Public Hearing scheduled on 1977-78 Operating Budget-Special Services Grant Agencies requests for funds. They said they would conclude their decision on C.I.P. later in the day, after the public hearing.

At 4:50 p.m. that afternoon the Council resumed its discussion on adoption of Capital Improvements Programs.

Councilmember Cooke asked if he could continue his report. Mayor McClellan answered affirmatively. He began a discussion of money for transit facilities:

Page 152 73/90-01 Transit Facilities and Land Acquisition
Approve \$819,000 for terminal facilities
in FY 77-78 for pilot terminal; defer the
remaining \$1,090,000.

Concerning Water and Wastewater, he said he had serious questions about how the following funds will be spent and thought staff should be directed to prepare definitive procedures on how the City Council can be assured of control over expenditure of these funds:

1. Page 25 75/40-14 Major Main Extensions, Water
2. Page 23 75/40-07 Cost Differences, Water
3. Page 43 74/50-06 Major Main Extensions, Wastewater
4. Page 45 75/50-04 Cost Differences, Wastewater

Mr. Davidson, City Manager, said any exceptions would be emergencies and these would be handled by the staff. He said they could come back with a periodic report concerning the use of those funds. Councilmember Cooke went on with his report, stating the money for the Barton Creek Interceptor 72/50-17 and South Austin Outfall Relief Main 74/50-08, should be deleted. He also had recommendations for public works, including a \$70,000 study and design of the Barton Skyway Bridge. Under EMS, he said he wanted to defer for one year construction of EMS Service Stations I, II, III, IV. His reason for this is that as the demographics and population of a City change, its needs for emergency services change. It is not yet clear that permanent EMS stations would be preferable to temporary stations. More experience, time and study might pay off if and when stations are constructed.

Councilmember Mullen asked what he meant by a study of the Barton Skyway Bridge. Councilmember Cooke replied it would be an engineering design study of a bridge. Councilmember Goodman said, "We always have the option of withholding EMS money until appropriate sites can be selected. I think putting them back a year is a good suggestion, he said.

Councilmember Goodman asked Mr. Curtis Johnson, Director, Water and Wastewater, about the need for the Williamson Creek Interceptor, Phase I, for next year. Mr. Johnson replied the Williamson Creek drainage area forks at a point at approximately the east City limit line of Sunset Valley. The southern fork of the creek is presently sewered. The line is in existence to the Western Oaks subdivision and it is anticipated that to the north of Western Oaks, the area proposed as West Creek subdivision would be served into the Western Oaks subdivision for a period. The Williamson Creek Phase I would be a line up the northern branch of Williamson Creek, through the area which Sunset Valley occupies and "the feeling of staff is that this particular project, it would be virtually impossible for it to stand under the approach main policy and so forth. It is basically true Sunset Valley..there would be essentially a long distance to run in order to get service to the area which is basically between Sunset Valley and the Western Oaks subdivision. With the City limits potentially around it, it has not been annexed to the City yet, but staff feels it is a logical next step for annexation with the development occurring in that general area."

Councilmember Goodman asked if he thought it was absolutely necessary to have it in 1977-78. Mr. Johnson said this is the year the project has been scheduled for the last several years and it has stayed in that particular year. "Of all the projects," replied Mr. Johnson, "if any of them were to slide a year, I think this would have less effect on an area of letting this project slide a year than any of the others." Councilmember Goodman said this is what people in the area have told him, too. Mr. Johnson said this is an area that would likely be effected by the further extensions of William Cannon Drive. Basically, this development would occur as subdivisions develop and he saw no serious problem in delaying it a year. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau wanted to know if, since it was going through Sunset Valley, they would have to allow taps for them. Mr. Johnson answered He did not know if there is any legal requirements that taps be allowed to Sunset Valley. He said, "If they install a collection system of their own, I think it's rather remote, then the Quality Board may try to twist our arm to extend some sort of a contract to them, but I don't think just the fact the line is there would force us to allow taps."

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau wondered if this would have any effect on an item they have on tonight's agenda concerning Scenic Brook West. Mr. Johnson replied it would not.

Mayor McClellan asked Councilmember Cooke if he had finished his presentation. Councilmember Cooke said he had. Councilmember Trevino said he believed they concurred with everything Councilmember Cooke has offered as an amendment with the exception of the Barton Creek Skyway. He said he agreed with the suggestion made by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau in terms of the transit proposal. The other amendments we would like to offer at this time that we have reconsidered since this morning are:

1. We propose that the project under Public Works, the Webberville Road, be deferred one year and that the \$70,000 that we had allocated to that project be turned back for Congress Avenue improvements.
2. We recommend that we use HCD funds for the Doris Miller restrooms and that the bond money proposed for this project be moved in the following manner:
 - a. \$40,000 to Wooten Park
 - b. \$10,000 returned to greenbelt acquisition

The Mayor asked Councilmember Trevino if he still had, under Parks and Recreation, full funding for Waller Creek, Southeast, and Walnut Creek Parks, to keep them on schedule. Councilmember Trevino replied yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau referred to a memorandum Councilmember Trevino had passed out just a few minutes ago. She said it still has the locations for traffic signals and asked if he concurred with the CIP. He said he did.

Councilmember Cooke said since the Lion's Municipal Golf Course funds are surcharged and that is excluded, he wanted to put back in the median right-of-way for the sum of \$20,000. Also, on Waller Creek, he said he wanted to take \$44,000 from that project out of the \$500,000 and from Walnut Creek, it would be \$65,000 from park acquisition. He said this meant he was going back to \$100,000 to barriers for pools rather than the \$56,000 he had suggested in the morning. What that comes to, he said, is \$274,000 deferred, and \$274,000 moved up, and all the improvements that had been talked about earlier. Mayor McClellan said she wanted to talk about the Parks Administration Building. She said she thought they had a real need for the addition to their building and does not want to see it deferred. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said she doubted the wisdom of taking money out of parkland acquisition and would like to find some way to put it back, as Councilmember Cooke had suggested.

Councilmember Cooke said he concurs with Councilmember Trevino's proposal with regard to moving up projects as follows:

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| 1. Zilker Garden Improvements | \$50,000 |
| 2. Lighting of Softball Field | \$59,000 |
| 3. Removal of Barriers at Swimming Pools | \$100,000 |
| 4. Butler Softball Improvements | \$ 10,000 |

We have a difference of \$1,000 on Pan-American improvements. Doris Miller Auditorium is \$50,000 (HCD funds) and \$40,000 for Wooten Park. The differences are Metz Center Improvements at \$30,000, and major greenbelt improvement at \$10,000.

Councilmember Goodman said, "In that case, they are very, very similar." Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked where they were on parkland acquisition. The Mayor said that is deferred for one year. Councilmember Trevino said he agreed with a point Councilmember Mullen had made about concentrating on the established portion of the City for parkland improvement. Councilmember Goodman said that even though parkland money is included in the 1975 bond package, the 1978 bond package could include a specific amount for acquisition of a southwest park site. The Mayor said if they did not keep total funding in the southeast district park, they would really lose some credibility there. Councilmember Cooke said they probably had more differences on the type of projects they are deferring. The main concern he still has, he said, is the same one that he had the day before when they talked about moving \$350,000 of park acquisition and the areas that are before you with regard to improvements to the PARD administration building for \$40,000, the two Bartholomew improvements at \$35,000, the southeast district park at \$50,000, median right-of-way for \$20,000, playground acquisition, which you do have, at \$40,000, reducing parks acquisition from \$350,000 down \$65,000 and Waller Creek \$44,000. That still leaves money in parks acquisition. "Those," he told Councilmember Trevino, "are our differences. Most of your funding for deferral under Parks and Recreation comes from the \$350,000 lump sum out of parkland acquisition, and the other proposals for deferral are in a number of other projects rather than that total sum."

Councilmember Mullen said he did not clearly understand Bartholomew. He said the first proposal looks different than the second proposal. Councilmember Goodman said there was an interim change after they decided to reallocate some of those funds, but this is exactly the way it was from the beginning. "We took \$15,000 from one and \$20,000 from the other, both on the advice of Jack Robinson, who said the projects would not be effected.Oh, I see," said Councilmember Goodman, "the \$20,000 is not really needed in Bartholomew. I would really like to see that \$20,000 put back in median beautification." "We have no problems with that," stated Councilmember Trevino.

Motion

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt the proposed 1977-1982 Capital Improvements Program, and passage of the appropriate ordinance for fiscal year 1977-78 with amendments.

Friendly Amendment

Councilmember Goodman asked Councilmember Trevino if he would accept a friendly amendment to his package, allocating \$20,000 for the other Bartholomew project not listed for median beautification, bumping Williamson Creek Interceptor Phase I to 1978-79, and moving the EMS stations all up one year. Councilmember Trevino accepted the friendly amendment.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said, "This includes the transit?" The Mayor said, "Yes, as you proposed, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau." "But," said Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, "with the deletion of the engineering for the Barton Skyway bridge?" "Yes, ma'am," answered Councilmember Trevino. The Mayor said this included the deferring of Webberville Road for one year. Mayor Pro Tem asked if this included leaving the funds in for Congress Avenue, the Robert E. Lee study, and zero on the parkland acquisition. Councilmember Trevino agreed.

Councilmember Mullen said he wanted to make a point again on how important he thinks parkland acquisition is. Staff recommended \$210,000 for next year. You have \$500,000 in for next year by deferring it. "Are we going to have to get new bonds to make up the \$500,000? If we come in with what has been recommended, we are only \$60,000 over what was projected putting in. So," he said, "there is not that much of an adjustment for next year," Councilmember Goodman said there would also be \$40,000 remaining in the budget for playground acquisition.

Second to the Motion

Councilmember Snell seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked if the motion included the improvement of the Metz Center. Councilmember Trevino said it did. Councilmember Cooke asked, "That means no money for park acquisition?" The Mayor said it is deferred to 1978-79, \$350,000.

Roll Call on Motion

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

The following comments were made while voting: Councilmember Cooke said he voted no due to the fact that the Barton Skyway Bridge and \$350,000 in parkland acquisition is deleted. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau said, "I don't agree with the deletion of all the parkland acquisition and also the Barton Skyway extension." Councilmember Mullen had a question on the South Austin Outfall. He asked, "Is that out on the proposal?" Councilmember Goodman answered, "In the proposal, yes. South Austin Outfall and the Barton Creek Interceptor. Both of these are in unfunded years, anyway. Is that a major point with you?" Councilmember Mullen answered he would rather have it back in, and said, "It's not funded?" Councilmember Trevino said, "We have no problem with it." Councilmember Mullen said, "I don't want it to get lost." Councilmember Goodman commented, "The only reason they were deleted is because of the pending nature of the Barton Creek Watershed study."

Mayor McClellan stated she was consulting City Attorney Harris about it. "I think we need to finish out the vote on this motion and then come back with another one. So if you want to vote No and come back with another motion, Councilmember Mullen, we need to finish this motion we started on." The Mayor said that someone who voted for the motion could propose a motion to reconsider.

Motion to Reconsider

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

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

Motion

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1977, AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 1978, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT AND ACCOUNT; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance, adopting the proposed 1977-82 Capital Improvements Program with amendments and leaving South Austin Outfall in unfunded years. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Snell, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

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AMENDING THE PROPOSED 1977-82 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM TO
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN FY 77-78:

PROJECT

FY 77-78

PROGRAM COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Webberville Road/Pleasant
Valley - Oak Springs
(73/62-32)

Deferred in C. I. P.
One (1) Year
Not an amendment

This project should be scheduled for completion in FY 77-78 in lieu of the proposed FY 78-79 schedule. Funding will include \$70,000 in bond funds and \$85,000 in HCD Contingency Funds.

Congress Avenue Improvements
(75/62-09)

The Public Works cost of this project is \$1,876,375. Funding in FY 77-78 should include \$1,219,000 to construct storm sewer improvements and to provide a 10% contingency. A total of \$657,375 should be included in FY 78-79 to permit the construction of corner modifications, shelters, and necessary traffic signal adjustments. Should the project schedule and funding permit, some corner modifications should commence in FY 77-78.

Robert E. Lee/Barton Springs
Road - Rabb Road
(78/62-13)

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The Barton Skyway Bridge should not form part of this program. There is a need; however, to improve Robert E. Lee Road and provide better access to Barton Springs Road from this neighborhood. An environmental and preliminary engineering study should be scheduled in FY 77-78 for this project. The construction of a three-lane roadway should be scheduled for FY 78-79

PROJECTFY 77-78PROGRAM COMMENTS38th Street/Guadalupe -
Duval (73/62-29)

\$70 remains

38th Street Widening/
I.H. 35 - Red River

These projects should be combined with the following description: In fiscal 1977-78, environmental and neighborhood impact studies will be carried out in cooperation with area residents and neighborhood impact studies will be carried out in cooperation with area residents and neighborhood groups. The final design of any improvements will be submitted to the Urban Transportation Commission, and the City Council for final approval prior to rights-of-way acquisition or construction of improvements.

REQUIRED PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS:

\$15TRAFFIC SIGNALS

The following locations should be included in traffic studies for consideration in the Traffic Signal Program for FY 77-78:

1. Felix and Montopolis Drive
2. East 11th Street and Chicon
3. Angelina and Rosewood
4. Intersection of Hargrave, Rosewood, and Thomson
5. South bound on the northeast side of the Montopolis bridge at the intersection of Airport and East 7th Street

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FY 77-78</u>	<u>PROGRAM COMMENTS</u>
<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u>		
Zilker Garden Improvements (75/86-31)	\$ +50	Rest room facilities are proposed in FY 77-78 for the Zilker Garden Center.
Caswell Tennis Center Improvements (78/86-03)	\$ +90	A total of \$90,000 in FY 77-78 should be earmarked for lighting improvements to the Caswell Tennis Center.
Pleasant Valley Tennis Center (77/86-12)		A total of eight (8) new tennis courts at undesignated locations should replace the proposed tennis center. The location of these courts will be considered at the conclusion of a Tennis Facilities Study currently underway. Construction of these facilities; however, should be moved up to FY 78-79 and FY 79-80. (\$100,000, FY 78-79; \$500,000, FY 79-80.)
Walnut Creek Park (73/86-46)		A recreation center is proposed in FY 81-82 at a cost of \$1,000,000 for this project.
Lighting of Softball Fields	\$ +59	Lighting of softball facilities is proposed at a cost of \$58,600. A list of the subject facilities is attached.
Removal of Barriers at Swimming Pools (77/86-16)	\$ +100	The removal of architectural barriers at various swimming pool facilities is proposed in FY 77-78.

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>FY 77-78</u>	<u>PROGRAM COMMENTS</u>
Butler Softball Field Improvements (75/86-25)	\$ +10	A play apparatus area for this facility is proposed in FY 77-78.
Pan Am Center Improvements (77/86-25)	\$ +16	Completion of the Hillside Theatre renovation, a new gymnasium divider, and a classroom sliding wall partition are proposed in FY 77-78.
Metz Center Improvements	\$ +30	An outdoor covered gym and a 600 square foot activity room for the Metz Recreation Center are proposed in FY 77-78 at a cost of \$130,000. A total of \$100,000 for the open gymnasium is anticipated in EDA Funds.
Neighborhood Tennis Courts (77/86-06)		On concrete tennis court is proposed at Pan Am Center in FY 77-78. A total of \$46,665 is anticipated in EDA Funds.
Doris Miller Auditorium Improvements (78/86-01)	\$ +50	Rest room facilities are proposed for the Doris Miller Auditorium in FY 77-78 at a cost of \$50,000. HCD contingency funds should be allocated for this project.
Wooten Park Improvements (78/86-18)	\$ +40	Development of a new playground is proposed in FY 77-78.
Major Greenbelt Acquisition (75/86-13)	\$ +10	Funding for greenbelt acquisition is proposed in FY 77-78.
<u>REQUIRED PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDS:</u>		
Median Beautification	\$+ 20	
	\$475	

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PROJECT

FY 77-78

WATER AND WASTEWATER

PROGRAM COMMENTS

Barton Creek Interceptor
(72/50-17)

Back in unfunded years

South Austin Outfall Relief Main
(74/50-08)

Both of these projects should be included in the Capital Program pending the completion of the Barton Creek Watershed Study. Both projects are in unfunded years and can be re-evaluated once this study is complete.

Williamson Creek Interceptor
(72/50-07)

Move Williamson Creek Interceptor to FY 78-79 instead of FY 77-78
\$ 760

As recommended by the Planning Commission, both of these projects are consistent with growth management objectives and should remain in the Capital Program.

Bull Creek Lateral A
(74/50-09)

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FUNDS FOR THE PRECEDING FY 77-78 ADJUSTMENTS WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING
DEFERRALS AND/OR REDUCTIONS:

PROJECT

FY 77-78

PROGRAM COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Congress Avenue Improvements
(75/62-09)

\$ 15

A deferral of \$15,000 in Congress Avenue improvements to FY 78-79 is proposed. This reduction will not impede the progress of the project. Funds for storm drainage work and contingencies are included in the \$1,219,000 programmed in FY 77-78.

AVAILABLE PUBLIC WORKS FUNDS:

\$ 15

PARKS AND RECREATION

Bartholomew Park Improvements
(75/86-47)

\$ 15

The reduction of \$15,000 from rest room improvements is proposed. The installation of less expensive rest rooms will permit this project to proceed at a reduced cost.

Bartholomew Recreation Facility
(75/86-06) Improvements

\$ 20

Reduction of \$20,000 in FY 77-78 for this project.

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PROJECT

FY 77-78

PROGRAM COMMENTS

Playground Acquisition and
Development (75/86-14)

\$ 40

Deferral of this project is possible until AISD finalizes plans for a school site in this area.

Park Land Acquisition
(75/86-03)

\$ 350

Deferral of the park land acquisition scheduled for FY 77-78 to FY 78-79 is proposed.

Doris Miller Auditorium Rest Rooms
(78/86-01)

\$ 50

HCD contingency funds should be allocated for this project in FY 77-78.

AVAILABLE PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDS

\$ 455

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Four (4) Stations

Moved back one (1) year

TRANSIT

Transit Facilities & Land Acquisition
(73/90-01)

\$-1090

A reduction of \$1,090,000 is proposed in FY 77-78. This will permit the construction of only one terminal facility at U.S. 183 and North Lamar. The city match of \$76,300, released by this reduction, should be transferred to the general fund. The revised appropriation for FY 77-78 should be \$819,000.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 1977-78 OPERATING BUDGET - SPECIAL
SERVICES GRANT AGENCIES REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m. by stating that notices had been sent out to all agencies concerned.

MS. SUSAN RILEY, representing the Austin area Human Services Association, stated that her organization was concerned over the 20% cut in funding for contract social services. She indicated that the majority of increases in the City budget were for administrative and support services and not in the delivery of actual services. Ms. Riley pointed out that contract services provided community services at a much lower per unit cost than the City of Austin could. She stated that the City was actually getting a bargain for its money. Ms. Riley indicated that such services should have funding increases and not decreases. Councilmember Goodman made the observation that contract social service organizations had a high degree of enthusiasm in their work.

MS. LATRICIA RAYFIELD, Director of the Citizen Advocacy Program of the Austin Association for Retarded Citizens, submitted a funding request to the Council of \$7,741. She stated that this money was needed as matching funds for the Citizens Advocacy Program. Ms. Rayfield told the Council of the ethnic breakdown of her organization's Board of Directors, Advisory Committee and staff. She also pointed out some of the services rendered by the Citizens Advocacy Program. Ms. Rayfield stated that the request for \$7,741 was less than 30% of the matching funds used for a Title XX grant application from the Department of Human Resources/Texas Department of Public Welfare. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked Ms. Rayfield how many non-residents individuals were helped by her organization. Ms. Rayfield stated that they helped 27 persons currently residing in State hospitals but that these persons were reached at the point where they were making Austin their permanent home. Councilmember Goodman asked what the amount of funding from the United Way was. Ms. Rayfield indicated that she was not sure of the exact amount from the United Way but stated that they had requested an increase in funding from that agency.

MR. JON COFFEE, representing the Austin Child Guidance Center, submitted a funding request to the Council of \$25,000. He indicated that the United Way had already granted the agency a \$7,000 increase in funding. Mr. Coffee stated that, while just recently detached from the State MHMR Department, his organization had the credibility to warrant additional funding. DR. DURWOOD BELL, Director of the Child Guidance Center, told the Council that the purpose of the Center was to serve children who were having emotional, behavioral and social difficulties. He stated that the past year his organization has served about 500 children. Dr. Bell indicated that the agency's unit cost has dropped considerably since the first couple of years of its operation. He stated that statistics showed a rate of improvement of about 80% in the children that the agency worked with. Dr. Bell indicated that they had to turn down 2 out of 3 persons that come to them due to the lack of funding and personnel to handle the case load. He made mention of the project SAVE, a joint venture undertaken with the Austin Rape Crisis Center, Inc., to help counsel young persons who are the victims of rape. Mr. Coffee pointed out that this project was not to be considered an autonomous funding drain. Mayor McClellan asked how many persons were being served by this project. Dr. Bell indicated that they were currently serving 70 young persons who have been sexually assaulted in one way or another.

MS. VERA JONES, representing the Austin Citizens Service Organization, Inc., stated that their program was implemented in three phases; the first phase being the development of a locator service for the elderly, the second phase the organization of a senior citizens day care service, and the third, the organization of five senior citizens clubs by various church and/or civic organizations as an outreach vehicle. Ms. Jones stated that her organization hoped to initiate a referral service for the elderly to aid them in availing themselves of other agencies for the purposes of transportation, housing and employment. Ms. Jones submitted a funding request to the Council of \$116,800. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked Ms. Jones if her organization qualified for Title VII money. Ms. Jones stated that her organization did qualify. She stated that their services could also tie in with the efforts of other services for elderly persons. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau indicated that she wanted to meet with Mr. Andy Ramirez, Director of the Human Resources Department, PARD and Ms. Jones about the possibility of putting a pilot program together. Mr. Woodrow Sledge stated that the cost of the program was high but that any service that prevented institutionalization was worthwhile.

The Austin Community Action Center, Inc., made no presentation before the Council.

MS. VICTORIA HAMIL, representing the Austin Community Nursery Schools, Inc., submitted a funding request to the Council for \$30,527 which is \$2,568 over last year's funding. The increase is to cover the anticipated minimum wage increase as well as cost of living increases. Ms. Hambl indicated that the City's recommended budget for the agency was \$4,170 below the amount requested.

MS. DONA GREEN, President of Austin Community Television, submitted a funding request to the Council for \$19,980. ACT provides training to the community in the use of audio-visual equipment. Ms. Green indicated that ACT would increase the minority participation in community communication through the public access medium. She stated that ACT currently had a viewing audience of 5,000 people. Ms. Green stated that part of the proposed funds would be used to hire a technician which will allow ACT to go into the minority areas of the City and increase minority participation. Also, part of the money will go towards equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked the Council if the funding request could be considered a visual art form which would come under the charge of the Arts Commission and funded by some of the pending "bed tax" from the Hotel Occupancy Tax. Councilmember Goodman felt that this could be considered an alternative source of funding but that ACT, in his opinion, did not qualify as a visual art form.

MS. SYLVIA CALLOWAY, Director of the Austin Rape Crisis Center, submitted a funding request to the Council for \$20,759 out of a total budget request of \$59,230. She stated that the recommendations from the City Human Resources Department and the Community Development Commission (CDC) were for \$16,119. Ms. Calloway indicated that the agency was currently operating under a Criminal Justice grant which decreased annually by 20% and that the amount of alternative funding must increase every year to make up the difference. She stated that the agency was currently in its fourth year of Criminal Justice funding. Ms. Calloway stated that they have requested 40% of their funding from the State Criminal Justice Department and a combined 60% from the City of Austin and Travis County. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau's question of what the share granted by Travis County would be, Ms. Calloway indicated that the County

would pick up \$14,592 of the cost to fund the agency. She also indicated that Criminal Justice money amounted to \$23,879. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked Ms. Calloway if ARCC had tried to acquire funding from the Austin Independent School District or the United Way. Ms. Calloway stated that agency funding was still under consideration by the United Way. The request made to the United Way was for \$7,750.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau requested that Mr. Ramirez supply the Council with a list of agencies to appear before the Council that have received Title VI money.

MR. ROBERT QUINONEZ, Director of the Austin Tenants Council, spoke before the Council. Mr. Quinonez stated that his organization provided seminars for 150,000 people representing 72,000 rental dwellings in the City of Austin. He stated that the goals of his organization were to increase efficiency and equity in landlord/tenant relations. Mr. Quinonez indicated that as of July 30, 1977, they have counseled some 4,680. He also cited the ethnic breakdown of the ATC. Mr. Quinonez indicated that the projected number of persons who will avail themselves of the Council's services for the coming year is 6,000. He stated that this additional increase in clientele has increased the need for an additional staff person who would assist in the daily operation of the Council by providing telephone services and mediation. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked why the organization did not have any VISTA volunteers working for it. Mr. Ramirez stated that the VISTA workers who were previously working with the program felt that the program was not serving the poor but primarily students and therefore did not want to continue the project. Mr. Quinonez stated, however, that 1/3 of their mediation cases came from impact areas. Mr. Ramirez indicated that a VISTA project could be written into the organization if the City Council chose to do so. MR. DAVID KEEN, Chairman of the Board of the Austin Tenants Council, stated that the idea behind VISTA is to make an operation self-supportive and that the previous VISTA involvement was only temporary. Mr. Keen stated that VISTA would view the Council as a successful project in that it was being funded and they would therefore not offer support of the program. Mr. Quinonez told the Council that a CETA proposal was still pending and that they had 2 full-time employee slots open, which were listed in the PARD budget. He stated that the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and Travis County had also been contacted in regard to funding alternatives. Councilmember Mullen suggested acquiring funding from the Austin Apartments Association. Mr. Quinonez indicated that the Community Development Commission had recommended that the City fund the program up until December of 1977 and that the County pick up the funding in January of 1978. MR. JIM ROCK, a member of the Building Standards Commission, supported funding of the Austin Tenants Council because the agency worked closely with the Commission in regards to violations of the Building Code.

MR. GIL LOTICE, representing the Austin Travis County Alcohol Counseling Services, spoke before the Council. Mr. Lotice indicated that his organization would be working with the Municipal Court in the coming year. Councilmember Goodman asked Mr. Lotice how many recipients were non-residents of Austin. Mr. Lotice stated none and that they tried to stay away from dealing with transients. In regards to MHMR referrals, Mr. Lotice indicated that only persons with secondary mental problems besides alcohol were referred to MHMR. Mr. Lotice submitted a funding request to the Council for \$41,000 to accommodate 1/3 of the agency's operating cost.

MR. DAN LOVE, Interim Director of Austin-Travis County Mental Health-Mental Retardation, spoke before the Council. Mr. Love submitted a funding request for \$285,000 to the Council. MR. JOHN MOORE, a member of the MHMR Board of Trustees, spoke to the Council in regards to several East Austin programs that were not recommended for funding by the Community Development Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked why those programs could not be funded by taking money from other MHMR programs. Mr. Love told the Council that the A-95 CAPCO review assumed a projected income base for MHMR of \$700,000 from local and State funds that did not come through. This necessitated defunding certain programs that were previously left in the budget due to the assumption that they would be funded. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau felt that funds granted to the agency were being reflected in the MHMR budget more than once. Mr. Ramirez indicated that the agency was simply using City funds as a match with other monies. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau questioned whether MHMR was duplicating any of the services offered by the Austin Child Guidance Center. In regard to the deletion of recreational programs for the Center, Mr. Moore indicated that MHMR did not solely look upon such activities as recreation but as a way for MHMR workers to get together with children who have problems functioning in a regular playground setting. In lieu of this, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked why the center did not receive any funding from A.I.S.D. She felt that recreational funding was as much the responsibility of the Austin Independent School District as it was the City of Austin's.

REVEREND FREDDIE DIXON, representing the Austin Urban League Sponsoring Committee, submitted a budget request to the Council for \$69,328. He stated that the Community Development Commission and the Human Resources Department only recommended that the agency be funded for \$24,592. Rev. Dixon indicated that money was needed to fund the Health Consciousness Program, which combats Sickle Cell anemia in Blacks, and hypertension. He also made mention of the Career Awareness Program. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked Rev. Dixon why the agency had not applied for a United Way grant. MS. LINDA FAYE MOORE, Director of the agency, told the Council that application for funding had been made to the United Way but that she did not know at what level of funding the agency would be approved. In regard to the duplication of services already provided by the City Manpower Program, Ms. Moore indicated that their agency was receiving referrals from Manpower on a daily basis for job applicants that Manpower could not help. She stated that the agency warranted more funding than they were recommended for.

RECESS

The Council then recessed at 1:10 p.m. and resumed again at 2:15 p.m.

MS. BARBARA BLACK MILLER, Director of the Austin Women's Center, told the Council that in regard to her agency's funding request, there were several corrections that were needed to be made. She stated that the original rental request of \$7,200 for a 12-month period should be reduced to \$3,000 for a five-month period. Also, the original funding request for utilities needed to be reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,700. Ms. Black Miller indicated that this reduced their over all funding request by \$6,700. Councilmember Goodman asked Mr. Joe Morahan, Director of the Property Management Department, what plans had been made for the Home for Battered Women. Mr. Morahan replied that they had planned to offer the home for sale at the end of the lease term but that the lease could be extended if the Council wished to do so.

MR. LARRY GEIYO, Executive Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Austin, Inc., spoke before the Council. He stated that the agency's funding this year was for \$30,000 as it was the year before. He stated that they were requesting \$32,000 for the coming year and that the recommendations made by the Community Development Commission and the Human Services Review Team were for \$31,350. Mr. Geiyo indicated that the national average of cost per child was about \$300-325 whereas his agency had an annual cost per child of \$219 in 1976, \$206 in 1977 and a projected cost of \$213 for the coming year. He stated that the agency was currently serving about 480 children, 385 of whom have their own Big Brother or Big Sister. Mr. Geiyo gave an ethnic breakdown of the children involved in the program, as well as the brothers and sisters themselves.

MR. DON KROMER, Executive Director of the Boys Club of Austin, told the Council that his agency was seeking funding to aid in continuing three programs currently in service. He stated that 450 boys participated in the programs. Mr. Kromer told the Council that agency programs were not recreational for the sake of recreation, but that the individual programs and areas of activity were vehicles through which boys can be attracted, engaged in worthwhile occupations, and provided with an opportunity for individual and group guidance by the professional staff. Mr. Kromer indicated that without continued support from the City, these three programs will be either dropped completely or scaled down to unacceptable levels. MR. EMMA BARRIENTOS, Chairperson of the South Austin Neighborhood Council, asked the Council to support the Boys Club of Austin. MS. MARIE RYAN, a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys Club of Austin, also expressed her support for the Club. MR. WILLIE KOCUREK, President of Boys Club of Austin, spoke before the Council. He pointed out that the club accommodated over 1,400 boys in Austin for \$75 a year.

MS. CARMEN TYLER, Chief of Audiology and Program Director of the Capital Area Rehabilitation Center, submitted a funding request to the Council for \$49,703 to provide staff positions in therapeutic areas. The increase over last year's request is \$16,360 and represents cost of living increases to the three positions that were previously funded as well as the addition of an occupational therapy aid. Ms. Tyler indicated that they were conducting more therapeutic sessions per week constituting an increase in staff.

MR. CLINT BUTLER, Director of Caritas of Austin, spoke before the Council. Mr. Butler stated that the agency purchases food stamps for people, helps with utility payments, provides butane gas for homes and renders other related services to the needy. He stated that the agency also coordinates a transportation program which enables persons to avail themselves of other social services. Mr. Butler indicated that the organization receives support from several churches in the City. He then outlined the ethnic breakdown of the Board of Directors and the agency staff. Mr. Butler stated that last year the agency received a total of \$48,000 from the City of Austin and submitted a funding request for the coming year of \$54,000. He stated that they were asking Travis County for funding in the amount of \$16,000 for the coming year. This increase is to cover salaries and overhead costs. Mr. Butler stated that monies provided by various funding sources amounted to an annual budget of \$101,200. Councilmember Mullen asked Mr. Butler how much the agency received from local churches. Mr. Butler replied that the agency received \$10,900 from the Catholic diocese of Austin and \$20,300 from other churches. Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked why the agency had not applied for funding with the United Way. Mr. Butler stated that they had not previously been incorporated but that the

agency was incorporated this year and told to reapply for funding from the United Way in February of next year. He pointed out that next year's funding request from the City of Austin would be reduced if this funding request from the United Way was approved.

MR. JAMES STRICKLAND, Executive Director of Child, Inc., told the Council that his agency received funding from many sources including HEW and the Austin Independent School District. He stated that recently his agency has worked out an arrangement of co-sponsoring a project for teenage parent mothers with the Austin Independent School District. Mr. Strickland indicated that the agency does not provide simply a babysitting service and that Federal guidelines stipulate that the agency provide an educational program, a nutritional program, a health services program, a meal program, a dental program and a social services program. He pointed out that the agency has one of the lowest client costs in the state. Mr. Strickland submitted a funding request to the Council for \$289,013, the amount recommended by the Human Services Review Team. He also made a request for \$10,000 for assistance in the renovation of the agency's existing day care center.

MS. DELORES HILLIARD, representing Creative Schools, Inc., told the Council that her agency was an extension of the services being rendered by Child, Inc. Ms. Hilliard asked that the Council consider appropriating some funds to provide for the trainee placements for parents and for scholarships for children of working mothers. She urged the Council to consider supporting the agency in a way in which it can continue. Ms. Hilliard stated that the agency served a definite need in the community. She stated that the agency currently served between 80 and 83 clients.

MR. CISCO RAMIREZ, representing the Development Assistance Rehabilitation Agency, told the Council that his organization offered a placement service for persons just out of prison. He stated that the City approved funding for the agency last year in the amount of \$44,000 and that this year they were requesting an additional \$10,000 over last year's funding. He stated that the recommendation from the staff and the Community Development Commission was for \$43,400. He stated that they would try and maintain the current level of services even if it meant reducing the staff of the agency by one.

El Centro Chicano made no presentation before the Council.

MS. ROSE LANCASTER, Executive Director of Extend-A-Care, Inc., told the Council that the sole purpose of her agency was to supervise and enrich elementary age children of working parents during the afternoon hours and all day during the summer months. Through agreement with A.I.S.D., the agency operates 15 centers in 15 elementary schools. Ms. Lancaster indicated that they were presently serving 600 children, 400 of which were low income children. She submitted a funding request to the Council for \$10,000 to increase by 100 the children that are termed income-eligibles during the after-school hours.

MR. ED PETERS, Director of the Information and Crisis Center (Hotline), stated that his agency operated a 24-hour information center with about 60 to 80 workers. He stated that last year they handled a little over 28,000 phone calls. Mr. Peters stated that he did not exactly know what his position before the Council was because it had been suggested that his agency be funded through the MHMR program. He indicated that currently he was faced with the possibility of doing away with a staff person or a directory publication in order to meet agency funding limitations.

MR. RICARDO FLORES, representing the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, spoke before the Council. There were no comments from the Council in regards to the funding for this agency. Mr. Marcel Rocha made mention of the Chamber's work with minority contractors.

MR. JIM COX, Executive Director of Middle Earth Unlimited, Inc., told the Council that his agency had received a recommendation from both the Human Services Review Team and the Community Development Commission. He stated that many persons considered his agency's services as accommodating the criminal element, but they provided useful services for persons with drug problems. Mr. Cox stated that one reason why his agency was possibly not recommended for funding was because of the lack of effectiveness of the services rendered. He claimed, however, that it was impossible to measure the effects of the work done. He indicated that another problem was the fact that the majority of the persons served by the agency were Anglo and that there was a lack of minority involvement in the program. Mr. Cox pointed out that it was suggested that the agency could possibly be funded through MHMR but that this would require a change in policy for that agency. He indicated that up until recently the MHMR agency has refused to match funds for any of its local sub-contracted agencies. Mr. Cox also cited some of the functions of the agency and some of the services it offers to the community.

At 4:50 p.m., the Council resumed discussion of the adoption of the Capital Improvements Program, already shown with the C.I.P. segment of the minutes.

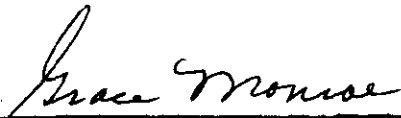
ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjournedaat 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk