

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

March 18, 1976
7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mayor Friedman, Councilmember Linn

BOWLING IN HISTORY WEEK

Councilmember Himmelblau read and then presented a proclamation to Joyce Horton and other members of the Austin Women's Bowling Association, proclaiming the week of March 29, 1976, as "Bowling in History Week" and asked all Austin citizens to extend their most profound welcome of the Women's Bowling Association in the year of Austin's celebration of the Bicentennial when Austin hosts the Women's Bowling Association Annual Championship Tournament, March 27 through April 10, 1976. Mrs. Horton thanked the Council for the proclamation and invited all to attend the tournament and the opening ceremonies on March 27 at Austin Bowl-O-Rama.

AMERICAN GI FORUM WEEK

Councilmember Trevino read and then presented a proclamation to Mr. Paul Velez, Mr. Rudy Saldivar, George Gomez and Mrs. Francis Ramos, proclaiming the week of March 20-27, 1976 as "American GI Forum Week" in Austin and called on all residents to recognize the achievements of the GI Forum organization. Mr. Velez thanked the Council on behalf of the American GI Forum, Ladies and Men's Auxiliary, for the proclamation and invited everyone to attend the celebration at Fiesta Gardens on March 20.

INTERNATIONAL DEMOLAY WEEK

Mayor Pro Tem Snell read and then presented a proclamation to Steven Sigrest, Chapter Advisor, and Arthur Barrow, Master Counselor of the Austin Chapter of the Order of Demolays, proclaiming the week of March 14 through March 21, 1976, as "International Demolay Week" and called upon all citizens to join in saluting the young men of the Order of Demolay, and in expressing our grateful appreciation for the fine example set by them, in contributing to the welfare of our community by addressing themselves to the building of good character among our youth; thus aiding in the development of leadership for tomorrow. Arthur Barrow thanked the Council for the proclamation.

MARCH OF DIMES WALKATHON DAY

Mayor Pro Tem Snell read and then presented a proclamation to Mr. Chuck McQueary proclaiming Saturday, March 20, 1976, as "March of Dimes Walkathon Day" in Austin and called on all residents to recognize the advancements that have been made in the fight against birth defects through the research, time, and effort of many individuals, including participants of the March of Dimes Walkathon. Mr. McQueary thanked the Council and invited them to attend the Walkathon since it is one of their major campaign fund raisers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council approve the Minutes for March 11, 1976. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann,
Trevino

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Friedman, Councilmember Linn

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Lebermann

WITHDRAWAL OF AN ITEM

Mrs. Linda Tilton, Physical Education Teacher, Saint Andrew's Episcopal School, had requested to appear before the Council asking permission to reserve the tennis courts at Bailey Park, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays over a five-week period, beginning the week of March 15th and concluding the week of April 12th; however, the request was withdrawn.

APPEARANCE TO DISCUSS THE INDUSTRIAL WASTE ORDINANCE

Mr. Carl C. Hardin, Jr., appeared before the City Council to discuss the Industrial Waste Ordinance, and noted that he was representing several dentists on the application of certain portions of the Wastewater Ordinance License Fee.

Mr. Hardin commented that he had discussed this matter with various departments with the latest one being the Texas Water Quality Board. He pointed out that none of the citizens wanted to be in a position of polluting any part of the environment and wanted to keep it clean. Mr. Hardin felt that there was a lack of information concerning the operation of the facilities of a dental or physician's office.

The only two possible sources of contamination from a dentist office would be the cuspidor and the x-ray facility, which is the x-ray water. Mr. Hardin knew of no dental office that would even consider depositing the x-ray water into the disposal system. A large number of devices have been designed for, and are currently being used by the dental profession for the purpose of removing undesirable waste products from our wastewater. Most of these devices are either gravity traps or filters and are highly effective in eliminating gross contaminants such as tooth and metal particles, which are dislodged during routine dental procedures.

Mr. Hardin suggested that the application of this Ordinance to a professional practice was never intended and that a professional office with three or four chairs does not constitute an industrial situation. The discharges from a dental office would certainly be far less than the vast amounts of harsh chemical pollutants which are dumped into our waste system daily by the Austin housewives.

In conclusion, Mr. Hardin urged the Council to designate possibly an aide of one of the Councilmembers, several members of the dental profession and someone from the Water and Wastewater Department to examine this matter to arrive at a solution rather than a fee.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell pointed out that a decision could not be made tonight but he did want the staff to prepare a report concerning this matter. City Manager Davidson stated that this would be prepared and presented to the Council on April 1. Councilmember Lebermann noted that this Ordinance was passed in 1972 and the intent of it was to take care of major industrial waste, and felt that the doctors had made a wise and reasonable request in asking the staff to examine the issue.

WITHDRAWAL OF AN APPEARANCE

Mr. Robert Meisel requested to appear before the Council to discuss the Austin City Code with regard to setbacks; however, Mr. Meisel requested that his scheduled appearance be cancelled.

CHANGE ORDER

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving a construction Change Order in the amount of \$12,471.61 to Terry Edwards Construction Company for Webberville Road Bridge and Roadway Improvements. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Friedman, Councilmember Linn

PERMISSION TO OPERATE BOATS ON TOWN LAKE

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the operation of motor boats for Glastron Boat Company on Town Lake July 29 and 30, 1976, in conjunction with their annual distributor and dealer meeting and demonstration. (Recommended by the Navigation Board) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Friedman, Councilmember Linn

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE

The Council had before it for consideration the temporary closing of EXECUTIVE CENTER DRIVE at Balcones through Woodhollow Drive at Spicewood Springs Road, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., on March 28, 1976, as requested by Mr. Darrel O. Kirkland, representing the Skateboard City Organization, for a Skateboarding Contest.

Councilmember Himmelblau noted that it was her understanding that some of the office occupants in the area had not been informed of this event and requested some information regarding this. City Manager Davidson stated that the applicant was informed that it was his responsibility to clear this with the abutting property owners or tenants before proceeding. He indicated that his office was informed that one tenant was in objection to this activity.

MR. DARREL KIRKLAND, applicant, commented that he was the owner of Skateboard City, a small retail organization, and his interest in this contest was due to the pressures by his customers who wanted to have a skateboard contest; and Mr. Kirkland felt that this particular location would be ideal for this activity. He was not aware that one of the stipulations to obtaining the permission for this activity would be to contact the adjoining property owners, and felt that the only one objecting would be Koger Properties.

Mr. George Henry, Transportation Coordinator of Urban Transportation, noted that he had discussions with Mrs. Kirkland concerning this request and informed her that if there were objections, that they would have to be settled before the matter came before the Council. He was not cognizant of any opposition to this request from any of the property owners.

Mr. Kirkland stated that this closure would in no way interfere with the access to the buildings or parking lots in the area. In response to City Manager Davidson's question as to objecting to getting the permission from the abutting property owners if the Council should decide to grant the request, Mr. Kirkland said he had no objection. Councilmember Lebermann pointed out that certain safeguards have to be taken in situations like this to make sure that there will be proper access and that it will not inconvenience other citizens.

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council approve the request of a temporary closing of EXECUTIVE CENTER DRIVE at Balcones through Woodhollow Drive at Spicewood Springs Road, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., on March 28, 1976, as requested by Mr. Darrel O. Kirkland, subject to the acquiescence of the objecting or abutting property owners by way of letter form. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

CONTRACTS AWARDED

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

UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY 5305 North Santa Fe Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	- Aerial Tower and Truck, Vehicle and Equipment Services Department. Item 1 - \$18,686.00
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

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

TEXAS CRUSHED STONE COMPANY North I. H. 35 Georgetown, Texas	- Crushed Road Stone, Street and Bridge Division. Six months supply agreement with one six months extension option. Item No. 1, 1,000 tons @ .90/ton Item No. 2, 20,000 tons @ \$1.69/ton Estimated total \$34,700.00
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

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

WHITE'S MINES, INC. 116 East Travis San Antonio, Texas	- Aggregate, Grades 3 and 5, for resurfacing, Street and Bridge Division. Twelve Months Supply Agreement. Estimated total \$31,880.00
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

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

CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON COMPANY 2801 South Post Oak Houston, Texas	- Miscellaneous Storage Tanks for Decker Unit #2 - \$197,000.00
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

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

NCR CORPORATION 801 West 38th Street Austin, Texas	- Annual Term Basic Accounting Machine, Key-to-Cassette CRT, Programming Charge and Supply of Forms, Materials Control Division. Items 1 through 5, \$12,183.00 plus \$865.85 for other costs. Twelve month lease for items 1 and 3, one- time charge for other items. Total \$13,048.85
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

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

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY 601-C East 53rd Street Austin, Texas	- Automatic X-ray Film Processor, Brackenridge Hospital Radiology Department - \$7,704.00
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF TARIFFS SUBMITTED BY SOUTHWESTERN BELL

The Council had before it for consideration the approving of tariffs submitted by Southwestern Bell pursuant to Ordinance No. 760304-F as approved by the Council on March 4, 1976.

City Attorney Jan Kubicek, referred to the recommendation that was prepared by former City Attorney Don Butler. Mr. Kubicek noted that he had reviewed the data submitted by Southwestern Bell with Mr. Butler and it was the recommendation of Mr. Butler and Mr. Kubicek that the increases be authorized except for the allocation made for (1) directory listings; (2) touch-tone calling service; and (3) multi-line charges. On these items, it was felt that more time was needed to analyze the increases proposed for these categories. The remainder of the rate schedules are recommended for approval by the Council.

MR. EARLE CALDWELL, Southwest Interconnect, spoke in opposition to the multi-line charges and felt the remaining recommendations would not be in the public interest if they were passed.

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution for approval of the Tariffs submitted by Southwestern Bell pursuant to Ordinance No. 760304-F as approved by City Council on March 4, 1976, with the deletion of (1) directory listings; (2) touch-tone calling service; and (3) multi-line charges. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

FINAL PASSAGE OF ROY'S TAXICAB FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Snell brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ROY VELASQUEZ, DOING BUSINESS AS ROY'S TAXI, A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A TAXICAB SERVICE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS AND LIMITATIONS UPON AND UNDER WHICH SUCH FRANCHISE SHALL BE EXERCISED," FINALLY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1951, RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "Q," AT PAGES 666-671 OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF PRESCRIBING THE NUMBER OF TAXICABS AUTHORIZED TO BE OPERATED, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND THREE (3) SEPARATE READINGS.

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilmember Trevino moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE ON SPEED ZONES
Second reading only

Mayor Pro Tem Snell brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-42 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967, MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO SUBSECTIONS (a), (c) AND (e) THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE "UNIFORM ACT REGULATING TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS" (VERNON'S ANN. CIV. ST., ART. 6701d); AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilmember Lebermann moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that the ordinance had been passed through its second reading only.

Additions were as follows: (MoPac Boulevard)

<u>MOPAC BLVD.</u> <u>(Loop 1)</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>SPEED</u> <u>LIMITS</u>
Northbound Main Lanes	Balcones Drive	2,503' North of Northland Drive - Station 345+22	45 MPH
Southbound Main Lanes	Balcones Drive	1,525' South of Enfield Road - Station 574+00	55 MPH
Northbound Main Lanes	2,503' North of Northland Drive - Station 345+22	2,125' South of Enfield Road - Station 580+00	55 MPH
Southbound Town Lake Interchange	1,525' South of Enfield Road - Station 574+00	5th Street - Station 609+00 1st Street - Station 612+00	45 MPH
Northbound Town Lake Interchange	2,125' South of Enfield Road - Station 580+00	1st Street - Station 612+00	45 MPH

<u>MOPAC BLVD. (Loop 1)</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS</u>
Southbound Town Lake Interchange	1st Street - Station 612+00	5,025' South of Enfield Road (North side of Town Lake) - Station 609+00	45 MPH
Northbound Town Lake Interchange	1st Street - Station 612+00 5th Street - Station 593+00	5,025' South of Enfield Road (North side of Town Lake) - Station 609+00	45 MPH
Northbound and South- bound Main Lanes	5,025' South of Enfield Road (North side of Town Lake) - Station 609+00	South City Limits	55 MPH
East and West Service Roads	Barton Springs Road	South City Limits	35 MPH

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE ON SPEED ZONES

City Manager Davidson commented that if there could possibly be five votes on this Ordinance amending Section 21-42 of the City Code by adding and deleting speed zones, it would be a great help in controlling the traffic.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell brought up the following ordinance for its second and third readings:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21-42 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967, MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO SUBSECTIONS (a), (b), AND (c) THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE "UNIFORM ACT REGULATING TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS" (VERNON'S ANN. CIV. ST., ART 6701d); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council waive the requirement for the third reading, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Linn, Mayor Friedman

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Additions and deletions were as follows: (City streets)

ADDITIONS

<u>ON</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS</u>
West 1st Street	San Antonio Street	300' West of Lamar Boulevard	35 MPH
West 1st Street	300' West of Lamar Boulevard	MoPac Boulevard (Loop 1) Lake Austin Interchange Station 612+00	40 MPH

DELETIONS

West 1st Street	San Antonio Street	Lamar Boulevard	40 MPH
West 1st Street	Lamar Boulevard	Lake Austin Boulevard	45 MPH

ZONING ORDINANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Snell 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 5, 6, AND 7, BLOCK 105, ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 904-906 RIO GRANDE STREET; 703-705 WEST 10TH STREET, FROM "B" 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 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Howard R. Barr, et al, C14-75-122)

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

Ayes: Councilmember Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann, Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem Snell

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Linn, Mayor Friedman

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

POSTPONEMENT OF A ZONING ORDINANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Snell indicated that the following had been postponed until March 25, 1976:

GEORGE J. SHIA
By John Selman
C14-75-123

5511-5519 Sunshine Drive From "B" Residence
To "O" Office

VACATION OF A STREET

Mayor Pro Tem Snell introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 760122-A BY SUBSTITUTING FIELD NOTES FOR THOSE INCLUDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 760122-A; SAID ORDINANCE VACATED AND PERPETUALLY CLOSED CERTAIN PORTIONS OF RED RIVER STREET AND EAST 14TH STREET ALLEY, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING EASEMENTS IN THE CITY FOR GAS, WASTE WATER, ELECTRIC UTILITY, TELEPHONE AND WATER LINE PURPOSES; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE 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 effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Linn, Mayor Friedman

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO COST TRANSIT FARE FOR MAY 1, 1976

Mayor Pro Tem Snell introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 740314-A, THE AUSTIN TRANSIT SYSTEM RATE ORDINANCE, BY ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL, ONE DAY ONLY, NO CHARGE TRANSIT FARE FOR CITIZENS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Linn, Mayor Friedman

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

SETTING OF A WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS THE SOUTH TEXAS NUCLEAR PROJECT

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council set a work session on March 30, 1976, at 3:00 p.m. to re-examine the City's participation in the South Texas Nuclear Project and discussion to be in the Electric Auditorium. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Trevino.

Councilmember Lebermann suggested that the work session include for discussion not only the South Texas Nuclear Project but the energy problems in general.

City Manager Davidson pointed out that the staff had an outstanding commitment to the Council to have a work session on several items pertaining to the energy future for Austin, and he anticipated that this could possibly be ready for the work session being discussed today, scheduled for March 30, 1976.

Amendment to Motion

Councilmember Lebermann requested that the motion be amended to stipulate that the work session would include a discussion of all considerations related to the energy problems to have a total picture of the energy needs. Councilmember Hofmann accepted the amendment.

Councilmember Hofmann commented that she felt discussion of the Nuclear Power Plant would take quite some time, since she had a lengthy presentation to make as well as others that would be presented. Councilmember Lebermann was concerned that the Council would have the opportunity to hear from the staff, as well as others, on the cost of electric generation for the future and other aspects concerning the energy picture. He felt that the Council could not make a valid judgement until everything was examined. Councilmember Himmelblau agreed with Councilmember Lebermann and felt it should be a total discussion.

Councilmember Trevino felt that Councilmember Hofmann wanted more emphasis placed on the South Texas Nuclear Project during the discussion. Councilmember Lebermann expressed that he just did not want to narrow the discussion exclusively to the South Texas Project, but discuss other energy related matters. Councilmember Hofmann agreed and commented that she was anxious to get the figures discussed and felt it was a responsibility to the taxpayers to get this information to them.

Roll Call

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Pro Tem, Snell, Councilmember Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Linn, Mayor Friedman

In response to City Manager Davidson's question as to the types of reports the Council would like him and the staff to prepare for the work session, Councilmember Hofmann stated that she would work with him in the next few days concerning the format for the work session. City Manager Davidson noted that normally any work sessions do begin with a staff presentation and he was prepared to do this if the Council so desired.

City Attorney Kubicek felt that Mr. Davidson needed some direction from the Council as to the type of report the Council would like. Councilmember Himmelblau expressed that she would like to have the total picture as to where we would be with the first and the second coal plant on line and what the costs would be if the nuclear was not accepted, which seems to be the intent. Councilmember Hofmann stated that there had not been any intent other than her desire to get the figures out and examined.

Councilmember Trevino submitted that the work session as suggested by Councilmember Hofmann was very much in order and felt it should be examined not only from an economic standpoint but at the legal aspects as well. Also, other alternate fuel sources need to be looked at and the one important thing to remember is that this is something that was voted for by the public and they should be considered when discussing this matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell suggested that the staff come prepared to make a staff presentation at the work session. Councilmember Lebermann felt that an indepth, economic and energy need use profile was needed for the Council and the public's information to identify what alternatives there are.

SCHOOL SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Mr. George Henry, Transportation Coordinator of the Urban Transportation Department, noted that the authorized Capital Improvements Program included in it for the next five years \$200,000 for Safe School Sidewalks. Each year, the schools are contacted and asked of their needs for safe school sidewalks. After reviewing the needs, the sidewalks go before the Sidewalk Committee for a review of the priorities. The proposed priorities for construction of sidewalks were established by reviewing the following criteria:

1. Pedestrian Volume
2. Vehicle Volume
3. Terrain Features
4. Type Street (Arterial, collector, residential, etc.)
5. Speed Limit

Some schools do not appear in the priority listing because sidewalks have been proposed for construction under other City programs. After the reviews have been conducted, it is then presented to the Council for authorization so the contract can be awarded to the appropriate bidder.

City Manager Davidson referred to the recommended priority list that was presented to the Council and stated that all was in order to proceed with the first 19 projects which are: Gonzales, East 12th, North Hampton; Springdale Road, Mesa Drive, South First, Prather Lane, South First, Cherrywood, Manchaca Road, Quail Park Drive, East Live Oak, South First, Perry Lane, Lazy Lane, Emerald Forest, St. Elmos Road, Shady Lane and Northeast Drive. Councilmember Hofmann was delighted with the program.

CLARKSVILLE PLANNING AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Homer Reed, Deputy City Manager, indicated that much activity has been occurring on this project with about six City departments involved in the redevelopment and improvements in the Clarksville area. The initial planning work has been accomplished by the Planning Department, and the staff member most active in this program is Mr. Bill Perkins, Planner with the Planning Department.

Mr. Bill Perkins stated that he started on the project in late October and started working with the neighborhood in January to consider several proposals for the physical improvements of the area. Comments from the community have been presented to the involved departments for their comments also. The conceptual plan should be completed within the next two weeks and ready for review by concerned departments.

Mr. Reed stated that the engineering for the streets and drainage portion would be completed by the end of 1976 and the water and wastewater relocation plans, which have to begin after the street and drainage plans are advanced, will be completed within 60 to 90 days thereafter. Contracts could be let in spring of 1977 for the streets, drainage and the water and wastewater relocations.

Regarding the improvements for the Clarksville Playground, Mr. Reed indicated that the playground was not owned by the City but was owned by the Austin Independent School District, and HCD funds could not be used for these improvements. However, there are \$20,000 in bond funds within the existing CIP for land acquisition and \$50,000 in the 1976-77 HCD program for park improvements. If the Council so desires, the HCD money could be "shifted" to another program and make City money available for further improvements to the park site. He suggested that the plan be completed and presented to the Council, which should be in late April, before reaching a decision.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question as to the size of the playground, Mr. Perkins noted that the physical size was approximately three acres. As to getting a release from the Austin Independent School District and getting the land deeded to the City, REVEREND W. B. SOUTHERLAND commented that Mr. Jack Robinson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department, was working on this aspect at the present time. Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she would like to see this accomplished, especially since the City was working with the AISD on several projects at this time. Mr. Reed commented that he would pursue this idea and as pointed out by Mr. Perkins, the staff was trying to work with the community to follow their wishes as much as possible.

Another main concern that the Council had concerning this program was the emergency repairs for housing in the Clarksville area. Mr. Reed noted that \$100,000 in Housing and Community Development funds for housing rehabilitation have been earmarked in the 1976-77 HCD program. The Council can designate funds for emergency repairs and set guidelines for the administration of housing rehabilitation funds in the Clarksville community, and a report will be presented to the Council concerning the alternatives prior to the funds becoming available.

The initial transportation improvements involving the first phase have been accomplished and the Urban Transportation Department is continuing to study the intersection on West Lynn. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Snell's question as to when the report on the West Lynn intersection will be ready, Mr. Reed noted that it should be completed by the first of the week. Councilmember Himmelblau commented that she was pleased that progress was being made in this area.

JOHN HENNEBERGER, representing the Concerned Citizens for the Development of West Austin and the Clarksville Neighborhood Council, reviewed the three requests that the community felt are emergency items and should be dealt with immediately. (1) This request was for immediate playground improvements and the Parks and Recreation Department be requested to check their budget for any funds available to use for interim repairs on the Clarksville playground, such as garbage cans and additional lighting. Mr. Henneberger pointed out that the Clarksville plan has nothing to do with the playground or park improvements and delaying action until the plan is completed is not necessary. (2) The second request was that the Council appropriate some emergency rehabilitation funds to be used immediately for deplorable situations existing in the Clarksville community. He felt that delaying and waiting for the necessary funds, the situation will become worse. (3) The last request is for badly needed traffic

control devices. Although some stop signs and curve signs have been installed, the intersection at West 12th and West Lynn is still a major concern since this is a major entrance into the community. Due to several factors such as the pedestrian hazard, pedestrian load, traffic hazard and load justify the installation of a light at this intersection. The Urban Transportation Department has installed a traffic counter at this location for a 24-hour survey and felt that the situation could not be analyzed by looking at a traffic count. Mr. Henneberger urged the Council to take immediate action to correct this situation, even if it is just a temporary control device. In conclusion, he thanked the City departments that have been involved in this project and noted his appreciation for their cooperation.

City Manager Davidson pointed out that the vehicular counts are completed but the pedestrian count will not be completed until Monday and then the Urban Transportation Department can then move in the direction as recommended. He felt that the results should be ready by this time and the proper controls will be installed as soon as the count is completed. Mr. Henneberger stressed that the community had been waiting patiently for some action and hoped that some corrective action would be taken very soon.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell indicated that the final report would be available no later than March 25, 1976. Mr. Henneberger asked that the pedestrian count be performed on other days besides Monday. City Manager Davidson stated that the counts are taken on other days.

City Manager Davidson noted that the Urban Transportation Department did install additional stop signs at six locations, curb warning signs at three locations: (1) West 11th Street at Charlotte Street; (2) On Charlotte Street at West 11th Street; (3) On Patterson Avenue at West 8th Street; and advance intersection warning signs on West 10th Street at Patterson Avenue. In addition, a study of the West 12th and West Lynn intersection is being conducted.

Mr. Bill Bulloch, Urban Transportation Department, indicated that the Bi-directional Warning Sign at West 12th Street on Charlotte Street was not installed due to creating an intrusion into an individual's front yard, and this individual will be contacted before pursuing this.

Mr. Roy Guerra, Parks and Recreation Department, stated that the request for garbage cans and maintaining the area would be done and any major improvements have not been done since the City does not own the land. He noted that Mr. Robinson was working on getting the land deeded to the City. City Manager Davidson stated that he would get a report on this and present it to the Council at the March 25, 1976, Council meeting.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem's question as to the rehabilitation money for some of the houses, City Attorney Jan Kubicek commented that no City tax-based funds could be loaned, granted or given as a gift to any private individual association, etc. Rehabilitation effort itself would be a private benefit and Federal funds would be used for such a program, such as HCD funds.

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Mr. Reed commented that the people to make the presentation requested that it be made at a later time and this is just a report from the Parks Board.

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, on Monday, March 1, 1976, a motion was made by Mr. Carl Turner, and seconded by Reverend Hector Grant, as follows:

"That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommend to the Mayor and City Council, that they accept the land donation from the Barton Hills Garden Club, of approximately two acres of land located west of the further extension of Barton Hills Drive; north of the Episcopal Church and abutted on the west and north sides by land purchased by the Parks and Recreation Department for the Barton Creek Greenbelt."

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED 
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk