

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 9, 1976

10:00 A.M.

Council Chambers

301 West Second Street

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Mayor Friedman called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council approve the Minutes for December 2, 1976. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

Mayor Friedman announced that the Council had met in an Executive Session earlier to discuss a legal matter and it was determined, on the advice of the City Attorney, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contingent fee contract at no expense to the City. This contract would be with attorneys Seymour and Blazier in connection with an antitrust action that is taking place and may benefit the City. Mayor Friedman stated that the Council would meet in an Executive Session on December 16, 1976, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss board appointments. A list of the board appointments will be available to the media and interested citizens.

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON POLICY GUIDELINES  
FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution setting a public hearing for January 13, 1976, at 10:30 a.m. to consider the Policy Guidelines for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

SETTING HEARING ON APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING  
THE DENIAL OF SPECIAL PERMIT

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution setting a public hearing on December 30, 1976, at 2:30 p.m. on an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision denying a Special Permit to the Shoal Creek Hospital, Permit Number C14p-76-043. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

ADOPTION OF INTERIM APPROACH MAIN POLICY

Motion

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the Interim Approach Main Policy.

In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question as to why the Policy was an interim one, Dr. Maureen McReynolds, Director of Environmental Resource Management, stated the Policy was interim because the Council originally requested a utilities extension policy and the committee felt that this would be a part of it.

MR. DON WALDEN, Chairman of the Joint Approach Main Committee, stated that during the time between the cessation of the previous Approach Main Policy and the adoption of the new Policy, several approach mains were constructed. Two of these were Beacon Ridge and Balcones Oaks and the committee has reviewed these two projects and recommended that when they come before the Council for consideration that they be treated under the payback terms of the new Policy. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Walden stated that a system of guidelines would be developed in conjunction with the Master Plan. Dr. McReynolds pointed out that in this Policy there is a provision for acceleration of payback if there are subsequent tie-ins that result in the City's being reimbursed for its cost.

MR. JOE RIDDELL addressed his concerns regarding the Policy and the section involving the payback revisions. He felt that at the beginning of G-1(b) a phrase be added stating "...notwithstanding the provisions of G-1(a)," and this would make it clear that the developer will pay the minimum cost of the six-inch water line or half the cost of the eight-inch wastewater line. Mr. Riddell felt that the engineering and environmental studies should be paid by the developer rather than the public.

Mr. Walden stated that this matter was discussed by the Committee and he felt the environmental study was done to produce general public benefits for Austin. He felt that if the developer pays the costs of the studies then there would be a lack of interest in doing them. Mr. Riddell also felt that the studies should be done by someone independent of the developer so a valid study would be developed. Another main problem involving the payback provisions pertains to the water line extensions and the lack of contribution from other subdividers connecting to the line. He noted that the Policy refers to a contribution by subsequent wastewater users but no contribution by subsequent water users.

Mr. Walden noted that the Committee reviewed this and felt that it would be very difficult to identify subsequent users on the water line and it would create an increased record keeping system. He pointed out that the Council is the body that approves the approach mains before they are ever built and they can require whatever information they so desire on every line.

#### Amended Motion

Councilmember Linn amended her motion to include that the total cost for the environmental study, when required by the Environmental Resource Management Office, be deleted from the payback provision. The motion died for lack of a second.

#### Motion

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the Interim Approach Main Policy. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Hofmann extended her ~~THANKS~~ to Mr. Walden and the Committee for their work in creation of the Policy.

#### LICENSE AGREEMENTS

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the following License Agreement:

Permitting encroachment by a building in the west right-of-way of Chicon Street, adjoining Lot 11, Block 6, Riverside Addition, a subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas. (Requested by T. J. Thomas, Pastor, Faith Tabernacle Church, owner)

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

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

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the following License Agreement:

Permitting encroachment by a planting area, in the west right-of-way of Guadalupe Street, adjacent to Lot 42, Louis Horst Subdivision Outlot 22, Division D. (Requested by Mr. J. Eugene Wukasch and Earl Wukasch, owners)

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

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

#### LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BOX CULVERTS

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution for authorization to enter into a License Agreement with the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company for the purpose of constructing box culverts on the east and west side of Missouri-Pacific mainline for Stassney Lane Improvements. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

#### LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSE OF INSTALLING WATER MAIN

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution for authorization to enter into a License Agreement with the Southern Pacific Transportation Company for the purpose of installing a 12-inch water main beneath the Railroads Right-of-Way at Kramer Lane in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas to accommodate Longhorn Business Park No. 2. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSE OF INSTALLING CONCRETE PIPE

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution for authorization to enter into a License Agreement with the Southern Pacific Transportation Company for the purpose of installing an 18-inch Reinforced Concrete Pipe beneath the Railroad Right-Of-Way near the intersection of Airport Boulevard and Huntland Drive in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, for the Upper Waller Creek Interceptor Wastewater Main. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN MINUTE ORDERS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF  
CERTAIN STREETS

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution for acceptance of Highway Commission Minute Orders 71906 (South 1st Street, from Ramble Lane to South City Limits) and 71907 (South Congress, from Oltorf south to Ben White Boulevard) as a part of the 1975-76 Urban System Program Supplement for reconstruction of these streets. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

REQUEST TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
TO REROUTE LOOP 343

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution for authorization to request the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation to reroute Loop 343 from I. H. 35 and 7th Street easterly to Lamar Boulevard, to I. H. 35 and 1st Street easterly to Lamar Boulevard. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

APPLICATION FOR TWO GRANTS FOR SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution for authorization to make application for a grant to the State Department of Highways on Public Transportation, Office of Traffic Safety for Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs for the Police Department as follows:

Grant No. 1 - \$118,100.97 - Traffic Law Enforcement at High  
Collision Intersections.

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

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

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution for authorization to make application for a grant to the State Department of Highways on Public Transportation, Office of Traffic Safety for Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs for the Police Department as follows:

Grant No. 2 - \$29,684.57 - D.W.I. Enforcement.

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

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

In response to Councilmember Trevino's question, Mr. Joe Ternus, Director of Urban Transportation, stated that the specific areas relating to Grant No. 2 would be identified by the Police Department. Councilmember Trevino stated that there had been a considerable amount of discussion in the past that the Police Department was paying more attention to one part of town rather than another. He requested that once the department has identified these areas that the Council be furnished with a copy of the report. City Manager Davidson pointed out that this was something that Police Chief Dyson is working on with the staff and a report would be forthcoming.

#### EXTENSION OF CONSULTING SERVICES FOR BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL

The Council had before it for consideration possible extension of Ernst & Ernst Consulting Services for Brackenridge Hospital regarding its preparation of the Medicare and Medicaid cost reports for the reporting period ending September 30, 1976. In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Mr. William King Brown, Administrator of Brackenridge Hospital, stated that the use of a consulting firm in this area is good because the firm does have expertise in this particular area. He noted that the Hospital Board had reviewed approximately 17 consulting firms for this service. Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she would not like to see the Hospital "locked into" an accounting firm. City Manager Davidson felt there would be no problem.

#### Motion

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution for extension of Ernst & Ernst Consulting Services for Brackenridge Hospital regarding its preparation of the Medicare and Medicaid cost reports for the reporting period ending September 30, 1976. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Linn, carried by the following vote:

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

## EDUCATIONAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution for approval of an Educational Affiliation Agreement between the City of Austin for Brackenridge Hospital and the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System, for and on behalf of the Medical Technology Curriculum of the Department of Microbiology of the University of Texas at Austin. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question concerning a reimbursement from the University of Texas when using Brackenridge Hospital, Mr. Will Brown stated that other hospitals are used for this same thing. He felt that this provides an opportunity for an excellent working relationship between the hospital and the University. Councilmember Himmelblau felt that in the future as Brackenridge becomes more and more of a teaching institute, that there should be some type of reimbursement from the University of Texas.

CONTRACT WITH TEXAS MEDICAL FOUNDATION FOR INDIGENT MEDICAL  
CARE AT BRACKENRIDGE - POSTPONED

Mayor Friedman noted that consideration of a contract with Central Texas Medical Foundation to provide indigent medical care and a program of medical education at Brackenridge Hospital had been postponed until December 16, 1976.

## SELECTION OF SOILS INVESTIGATION AND ENGINEERING TESTING SERVICES

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution selecting the firm of AUSTIN TESTING ENGINEERS, INC., for Soils Investigation and Engineering Testing Services in connection with the following project:

South Austin Fire Station

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

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

## CONTRACTS AWARDED

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

N. L. LEASE SERVICE  
P. O. Box 506  
Cedar Park, Texas

- Installation of approximately 1608  
linear feet of 8" and 930 linear feet  
of 10" wastewater main in North  
Meadows Drive - \$66,008.00

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

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

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contracts:

Bid Award:	- Water Meters, Water and Wastewater Department. Twelve Months Supply Agreement including option to exercise extension up to twelve months.
ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL 5155 Blalock Drive Houston, Texas	- Items 1.0, 2.2, 2.3, & 3.0 - \$143,910,80

Councilmember Linn pointed out that of the 493 people employed by Rockwell International only 14 are minorities.

HERSEY PRODUCTS 8383 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, Texas	- Item 2.1 - \$644.61
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The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

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

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

GIFFORD-HILL-AMERICAN, INC. 2949 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, Texas	- Concrete Steel Cylinder Pipe & Fitting for Jollyville Reservoir Water Distribution Division. Item 1 - \$36,928.25
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The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Linn pointed out that 46% of the employees of this firm are minorities and only 5 are management.



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

JONES CHEMICAL, INC.  
1777 Haden Road  
Greens Bayou, Texas

- Liquid Chlorine, used in Water Treatment.
- Item 1 - estimated 882 tons, initial price \$181.3333/ton, and Item 2 - estimated 110 cylinders, initial price \$26.26/cyl.; estimated grand total - \$162,867.47.

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

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

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

GENERAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY  
4108 North Lamar  
Austin, Texas

- Office Furniture, Customer Services Division of Finance Department.
- Item 1-8 - \$6,450.65

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

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

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

CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY  
5 Greenway Plaza East  
Houston, Texas

- Turbine Oil in bulk, for use in Unit No. 2, Decker Power Plant, Power Production Division.
- Item 1 - 18,000 gal. @ \$0.83/gal.
- Total - \$14,940.00

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

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

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

JACK A. MILLER, INC.  
P. O. Box 9776  
Austin, Texas

- Community Development District #1, Street, Drainage and Sidewalk Improvements, Assessment Paving consisting of 16 units. - \$394,799.24.

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

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

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contracts:

Bid Award:	- X-Ray film and chemicals, examination gloves, surgeons' gloves, needles and syringes, and suture for Brackenridge Hospital. Total - \$338,404.39
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY 4477 Alpha Road Dallas, Texas	- X-Ray Film & Chemicals - \$159,210.19
GENTEC HOSPITAL SUPPLY P. O. Box 4997 Austin, Texas	- Examination Gloves - \$26,736.60
GENTEC HOSPITAL SUPPLY P. O. Box 4997 Austin, Texas	- Surgeons' Gloves - \$34,200.00
GENTEC HOSPITAL SUPPLY P. O. Box 4997 Austin, Texas	- Needles and Syringes - \$64,107.60
SOUTHERN HOSPITAL SUPPLY 819 West Drew Houston, Texas	- Suture - \$54,150.00

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

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

#### CHANGE ORDER IN CONNECTION WITH WALNUT CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution for approval of Change Order No. 14 in connection with the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement with BLOUNT BROTHERS CORPORATION, in the amount of \$17,930.16. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL FOR GRANT FOR "TRANSPORTATION  
FOR THE ELDERLY"

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution for authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with the Capital Area Planning Council for a \$29,868 grant for funding of "Transportation For the Elderly" under Title III of the Older Americans Act. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS FOR WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF  
BURLESON ROAD

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing eminent domain proceedings to acquire tract of land for Burleson Road right-of-way, for widening and improvement of Burleson Road. (A. J. Lloyd, et ux, owner) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LAND FOR 26TH STREET CONNECTION

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain land for East 26th Street connection to Manor Road, as follows:

Lots 8 and 9, Block 6, 5230 square feet of Lot 10, Block 6 and  
795 square feet of Lot 11, Block 6, Nowlin Heights (Harvey D.  
Gustafson)

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

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

## CONSIDERATION OF FEE INCREASES AT BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL

The Council had before it for consideration selected fee increases at Brackenridge Hospital, as negotiated with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Snell's question, MR. WILL BROWN stated that this is normally done in conjunction with the Budget, but due to other circumstances they are just now coming to the Council. He noted that this was the fifth year in a row that these rate increases have been negotiated and felt they are necessary. Mr. Brown stated that about 60% to 65% of the Hospital's business is negotiated by a federal intermediary. He commented that the federal intermediary is designated to audit the Hospital to determine costs. Mayor Pro Tem Snell expressed concern that so many charges associated with City operations are being increased and asked why this was being done.

City Manager Davidson stated he was trying to respond to an understanding of the Council policy in this area and he felt that the Council did not want to burden those who are not directly using services with the cost of providing those services. Mr. Davidson noted that if these new charges are not implemented then the City cannot afford the Brackenridge budget. Mayor Pro Tem Snell felt that the other hospitals in Austin would follow the direction of Brackenridge in the area of fees, and the increases will have a definite bearing on the citizens of Austin. City Manager Davidson stated that this is a dilemma that will be studied as part of the Hospital Board report requested by the Council. Mr. Davidson pointed out that if the Council does not consider recovering what the costs are from Brackenridge at this time, then the City will have an immediate financial dilemma within the Budget.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question as to a comparison of costs with other hospitals, Mr. Brown commented that a sliding fee schedule has been recommended and forwarded to the City administration and the Hospital Board for study. Councilmember Himmelblau felt that Brackenridge was losing the minor type of hospital admittance. Mr. Brown stated that once certain improvements have been made that some of the problems can be overcome.

Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she was satisfied with the ancillary charges, but was concerned with the semi-private and private room rates. Mayor Pro Tem Snell stated that his concern was in the area of the operating room and recovery room and the fact that the charges continually rise. In referring to people who have private insurance, Mayor Pro Tem Snell pointed out that their benefits would not change with the proposed changes at Brackenridge.

Councilmember Himmelblau noted that Brackenridge is better equipped in certain areas than other hospitals but reiterated her concern about the room rates. Councilmember Hofmann stated that the higher the rates at Brackenridge, the fewer the people that can afford to pay them and the more the City has to pay.

Mayor Friedman pointed out that health services is an area that a dollar figure cannot be placed on to determine what it is worth to save a person's life. He noted that at the present time there is a health crisis and money is needed for the hospital or else it will have to be closed.

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution increasing the fees at Brackenridge Hospital, as negotiated with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas, as presented. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

#### VACATION OF STREET AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE

Mayor Friedman opened the public hearing scheduled for 11:00 a.m. to consider vacating the following street and passage of the Ordinance:

SUNSHINE DRIVE, eighty (80.00) feet in width, and extending from the north line of West 49th Street in a northerly direction 523.56 feet. (Requested by Mr. H. R. Nieman, Jr., representing the Texas Department of Health Resources and the Texas Commission for the Blind)

Mr. Reuben Rountree, Director of Public Works, stated that the street had never been opened and the Texas Department of Health Resources and the Texas Commission for the Blind are in the process of making improvements. They are proposing to extend the driveway to Lamar and thereby crossing Sunshine Drive. This is the reason for the vacation.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF SUNSHINE DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING AN EASEMENT IN THE CITY FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY PURPOSES; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### RECOGNITION

Mayor Friedman took this opportunity to recognize a group of students from Travis High School that were visiting the Council meeting.

EXTENSION OF ORDINANCE FOR INTERIM COMMERCIAL SIGN CONTROLS ON  
MOPAC

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (h) OF SECTION 3-5 OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 751211-B, PROVIDING FOR INTERIM SIGN CONTROLS ALONG MO-PAC BOULEVARD AND LOOP 360 BY EXTENDING SUCH CONTROLS UNTIL JUNE 30, 1977; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING ORDINANCES TO BE READ ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

AMENDING ORDINANCE TO CORRECT LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 761028-E, ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 28, 1976, BY CORRECTING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF TRACT 2, ZONING CASE C14-76-054, ZONED BY SAID ORDINANCE; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

AUTHORIZING YEAR-END ACCOUNTING ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,968,269.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THAT ORDINANCES BE READ 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. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### AMENDING THE 1976-77 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$797,500 FOR AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AID PROJECTS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### INCREASE IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEES

In response to Councilmember Hofmann's question, Mr. Bill Lever, Director of Emergency Medical Services, stated that the collection rate from the patients averages about 59% to 60%. Councilmember Hofmann felt that this was a very low collection rate and inquired as to what was being done to change it. Mr. Lever stated that manual billing has begun and a contract amendment has been submitted for approval to collect outstanding debts. City Manager Davidson pointed out that the collection rate is fairly high compared to other cities that are offering the same type of service.

As to the new revenues anticipated with the proposed rates, Mr. Lever commented that based on a 12-month period, it should be approximately \$350,000.

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Lever stated that the new positions had been filled by R.N.'s

In response to Councilmember Trevino's question concerning placing the modulances in the fire stations, Mr. Lever reviewed the costs and City Manager Davidson stated that this possibility is being considered, and the modulances be placed where they are needed. He noted that he would have a report concerning this as soon as possible.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INCREASES IN THE FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SERVICES; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### ORDINANCES REGARDING PAVING CERTAIN STREETS

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE WORK OF IMPROVING PORTIONS OF ALEXANDER AVENUE AND SUNDRY OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WITHIN THE LIMITS HEREINBELOW DEFINED, PERFORMED BY AUSTIN ROAD COMPANY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATES THEREWITH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Lebermann, Linn, Mayor Friedman, Mayor  
Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann  
Noes: None  
Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Trevino

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE WORK OF IMPROVING PORTIONS OF BURNET ROAD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WITHIN THE LIMITS HEREINBELOW DEFINED, PERFORMED BY TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - AUSTIN ROAD COMPANY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.



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

Ayes: Councilmembers Lebermann, Linn, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann  
 Noes: None  
 Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Trevino

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE WORK OF IMPROVING PORTIONS OF RUNDBERG LANE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WITHIN THE LIMITS HEREINBELOW DEFINED, PERFORMED BY P. A. STARK; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Lebermann, Linn, Mayor Friedman, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann  
 Noes: None  
 Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Trevino

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### ZONING ORDINANCES

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

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

TRACT 1: LOT 2-H, RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 2-F OF THE THIRD RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 2, HUNTLAND HEIGHTS COMMERCIAL, SAVE AND EXCEPT THE MOST NORTHERLY TWENTY-FIVE FEET, AND SAVE AND EXCEPT THE MOST EASTERLY TEN FOOT STRIP OF LAND ALONG BRENDA DRIVE BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TWENTY-FIVE FOOT STRIP AND EXTENDING SOUTHWARD A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED FEET, FROM "O" OFFICE DISTRICT AND "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT; AND,

TRACT 2: THE MOST EASTERLY TEN FOOT STRIP OF LAND ALONG BRENDA DRIVE, OUT OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 2-F OF THE THIRD RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 2, HUNTLAND HEIGHTS COMMERCIAL, SAVE AND EXCEPT THE MOST NORTHERLY TWENTY-FIVE FEET, FROM "O" OFFICE DISTRICT AND "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HUNTLAND DRIVE AND BRENDA DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (VON BOECKMAN JONES COMPANY, C14-76-084)

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

Ayes: Councilmember Trevino, Mayor Friedman, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Hofmann, Lebermann

Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmember Linn

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Friedman brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

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

TRACT 1: LOT 1 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF LOTS 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8, NORTH END ADDITION, AND A PORTION OF OUTLOT 76, DIVISION "D," AND THE VACATED GAFFNEY STREET, FROM "LR" LOCAL RETAIL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL, FIFTH HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; AND,

TRACT 2: LOT 2 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF LOTS 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8, NORTH END ADDITION, AND A PORTION OF OUTLOT 76, DIVISION "D," AND THE VACATED GAFFNEY STREET, AND LOT 9, OUTLOT 76, NORTH END ADDITION, FROM "O" OFFICE, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT AND "A" RESIDENCE, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT;

LOCALLY KNOWN AS 901-903 WEST 38TH STREET AND 802-806 WEST 37TH STREET; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Pilot Life Insurance, C14-76-090)

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. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: Councilmember Linn

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### AMENDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 39-70 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967, BY ADDING STANDARDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CANCELING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 1976; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THAT ORDINANCES BE READ 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 effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Snell, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

City Manager Davidson pointed out that it is necessary that the Council render a final consideration of the Southern Union Gas Rate Increase no later than December 30, 1976. Mayor Friedman stated that the Southern Union Gas Rate Increase would have to be placed on the Agenda for December 16, 1976, to set a time to consider it on the 30th.

#### ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMISSION

Mayor Friedman moved that the Council set a public hearing on January 6, 1977, at 3:30 p.m. and instruct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance along the guidelines proposed in the proposal on an Economic Growth Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, carried by the following vote:

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

MR. CHUCK HRNCIR, President of Austin Chamber of Commerce, read a statement from the Austin Chamber of Commerce expressing their thoughts about the Economic Growth Commission. Mr. Hrncir stated that the creation of an Economic Growth Commission at this time would result in a massive overlapping of functions and should be held in abeyance at least until such time as the

Austin Tomorrow program has finally completed its work.

#### CREATION OF DENTAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilmember Trevino stated that a dental clinic for people residing in the Model Cities area has been in operation since the middle 60's and felt that the dental problems were not limited to this community, but this type of service was also needed by others. He stated that included in the budget were sufficient monies to increase the dental clinics so people could be served who lived outside the Model Cities area. Councilmember Trevino proposed that the Council create a Dental Advisory Policy Committee to help in identifying new sources for funding and to provide better dental health services; to consider other alternatives to the health service delivery patterns that we currently operate.

#### Motion

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council establish the Dental Health Advisory Committee to consist of the following members appointed for one-year terms:

1. A representative recommended by the Austin Independent School District Trustees'
2. A representative recommended by the United Way Board of Trustees
3. Four dentists recommended by the Austin 10th District Dental Society
4. A dental hygienist recommended by the Travis County Dental Hygienists Society
5. A representative recommended by the Dental Society Wives Auxiliary
6. Three representatives of the urban low income citizens recommended by the Community Development Commission
7. A representative of the rural low income citizens recommended by the Travis County Commissioners Court
8. The City-County Health Department Head be supportive staff.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau.

Mayor Friedman noted that this would be brought back to the Council in Ordinance form on December 16, 1976, for Council approval at that time.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked if the Commissioners Court was going to help bear the burden of the dental clinics. Councilmember Trevino stated that he had visited with the Judge and he is very supportive of the idea and since the Commissioners Court is currently reviewing their Budget he hoped they would cooperate in this area.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked if the Court refused to cooperate would Councilmember Trevino be willing to delete the one slot, and Councilmember Trevino commented that he would rather wait until later to address this.

Roll Call on Motion

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

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

EMPLOYMENT OF ENGINEERING FIRM TO DEVELOP ENERGY CONSERVATION  
PROGRAM FOR CITY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Hofmann requested that the Council authorize the employment of an Engineering Firm to assist in developing an Energy Conservation Program for City buildings to reduce energy consumption. She noted her interest in this area by stating that she had served on the Energy Conservation Committee. Councilmember Hofmann stated that she had worked with Deputy City Manager Homer Reed on this project and learned that buildings, such as the City National Bank, through wise employment of energy conservation measures through an expert in this field have been able to save several thousands of dollars a month on electricity.

Councilmember Hofmann stated that she had worked with a firm and asked them if anything like this could be done in the City buildings. She was informed that the Auditorium would be a good pilot project for this; after preliminary investigation, the firm found that after a 4 to 5 year payback period of investments in a study, and subsequent labor and equipment, the annual savings for this one facility should amount to \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Deputy City Manager Homer Reed stated that the consultants that have done this type of work in Austin have performed a very good job and could be of significant assistance to the City. He felt that Councilmember Hofmann's idea is good and that it could be a model for other City departments. In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Mr. Reed commented that the money necessary for this would come from their fund. This would require an additional appropriation from the auditorium fund, but he felt this would not create any problem. Mayor Friedman pointed out that the City has had some extensive programs going on for energy conservation. Mr. Reed also noted that over the last three years about a 22% reduction has already been achieved from these programs.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked if the idea of using the graduate students from the University on a research project had been considered, and Mr. Reed stated that it had not. Councilmember Himmelblau suggested that maybe this could be looked at as a research project for the students and at the same time save the City some money.

Councilmember Hofmann stated that the firm was not being selected at this time but would be placed on the Agenda to select a firm at a future date. In response to Councilmember Lebermann's question, Mr. Reed stated that the approximate cost of the project suggested by Councilmember Hofmann is \$25,000 or less.

Councilmember Hofmann pointed out that after the payback period there would be a continuous amount of less expenditure of taxpayers money. Councilmember Hofmann also noted that she had made a presentation to the Energy Conservation Commission concerning this project. Mr. Reed noted that this consultant would be checking to see how the City can achieve greater savings in the area of making minor modifications to the equipment and other refinements to the system.

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council authorize a suggested list of Engineering Firms to assist in developing an Energy Conservation Program for City buildings to reduce energy consumption and that it be placed on the Agenda at a later date. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Lebermann, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Friedman also suggested that the University of Texas be contacted regarding the involvement of the graduate students for this project.

#### RESTRUCTURING OF ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS FOR ELECTRIC, WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES AND BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL

Mayor Friedman stated that this is something that needs to be done and requested that the Council authorize the City Manager to present a series of ideas and potential outside consultants to perform this task. This would include a restructuring of the accounting systems for Electric, Water and Wastewater Utilities and Brackenridge Hospital. Councilmember Himmelblau agreed with the Mayor and felt that the Water and Wastewater and Electric Utilities should be examined separately as well as Brackenridge Hospital.

City Manager Dan Davidson noted his appreciation of this request and was delighted with the idea of achieving some improvement in the accounting systems. He stated that Mr. Monty Nitcholas, Director of Finance, is ready to study this request and specific recommendations will be presented to the Council at a later date regarding such items as what can be achieved; estimated cost for the current fiscal year and for the future fiscal year; and possibly recommendation as to how the Council would like the staff to proceed. Mayor Friedman stated he would like this report as soon as possible so that possibly some benefit might be derived before next year's budget.

Mr. Nitcholas noted that a revamping of the accounting system is certainly something that might have to be done. He stated that he was concerned with the operation of the system as well as the structure of it. Mr. Nitcholas stated that a report would be ready by the end of December or at the latest the 13th of January, 1977.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk