

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

November 9, 1976
1:30 P.M.Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Pro Tem Snell presiding, noting that Mayor Friedman would be present momentarily.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

POPPY DAYS

Mayor Pro Tem Snell read and then presented a proclamation to Mrs. Jim McAdams, Poppy Chairperson; Mrs. Glynda Melton, President, American Legion Auxiliary No. 83; and Poppy Girl Cheryl Wester, representing Auxiliary No. 83, proclaiming the days of November 7-13, 1976, as "Poppy Days" in Austin and encouraged the citizens of Austin to wear the Memorial Poppy as a tribute to all veterans of Austin who served in defense of our land and to whom we pay honor on Veteran's Day, November 11, 1976. Mrs. McAdams thanked the Council for the proclamation and stated that Post No. 83 would have a supper after the Veteran's Day parade and that the Council and Mayor Friedman were invited.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Councilmember Trevino read and then presented a proclamation to Ms. Jackie McGee, Principal of Austin High School and to students and teacher from Allan Junior High designating the week of November 14-20, 1976, as "American Education Week" and urged all citizens to commit themselves to involvement in education and assistance to our schools to provide the best possible education for all. Ms. McGee asked that Yvonne Esparza, President, Student Council, Austin High School, receive the proclamation. Ms. Esparza expressed to the Council her sincere appreciation for the proclamation. Ms. McGee then introduced the Human Relations Steering Committee from Austin High School.

VETERAN'S DAY

Mayor Pro Tem Snell read and then presented to June Bell and Captain Terry Denson a proclamation proclaiming Thursday, November 11, 1976, as "Veteran's Day" in the City of Austin and called on all residents to observe and participate in the appropriate ceremonies planned by the City's veterans organizations.

Captain Terry Denson, General Chairman, 1976 All Veteran's Day Committee, read the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, after numerous protests from the veterans of the United States, did change Veteran's Day back to November 11th regardless of the day of the week on which it fell, effective November 11, 1977, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, and the Honorable Jeff Friedman, Mayor of Austin, did reinstate the observance in the life of this nation to its original date and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Austin did so in advance of the national observance of this day, redesignating it as a day of recognition of the veterans of all wars in which this country has participated.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the 1976 All Veteran's Day Committee of Austin and Travis County, Texas, does hereby extend its sincere appreciation to the City Council of Austin, Texas, for its actions in preserving the historical significance of Veteran's Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of November, 1976.

/s/ TERRY DENSON
GENERAL CHAIRMAN
1976 ALL VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

ATTEST:

/s/ JUNE BELL
Secretary

Mrs. Bell thanked the Council for the proclamation and recalled that Mayor Friedman had stated last year when the proclamation was presented that he would work on changing celebration of Veteran's Day back to November 11th. Mrs. Bell invited the Council to a reception at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel prior to the parade where they could also view the parade. She then introduced the Memorial Service Chairman from DAV Chapter No. 173, Mr. Leslie Hereford; Parade Chairman, Mr. Arthur Kramer of VFW Post No. 4443; Mr. Sonny Romer, VFW Post No. 8925; and Mr. Samuel Byer, DAV Chapter No. 173, who also served on the Committee and members from American Legion Post No. 76.

JUDGE CHARLES O. BETTS DAY

A proclamation designating Tuesday, November 9, 1976, as "Judge Charles O. Betts Day" was to be presented to Judge Betts later in the day by Mayor Friedman.

PUBLIC HEARING ON MASS GATHERINGS ORDINANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Snell opened the public hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on the Mass Gatherings Ordinance

Councilmember Himmelblau expressed her appreciation to the groups which had worked with her office to redraft the ordinance. She felt that the ordinance was viable, but not prohibitive or punitive.

MRS. LEROY PIPER, 6001 Thames Drive, suggested the following changes to the proposed ordinance:

1. Under Section 23-28. (d)(2)k.. substitute "Either a cash sum or performance bond be offered no less than 10% of an amount equal to the anticipated proceeds from the maximum number of tickets which may be offered for sale at gate price."
2. Under Section 23-28 (e) Investigation., add either at the end or beginning that the neighborhood chairman be notified in writing of any application for a permit.
3. Also under Investigation, Item (6), add "and copies sent to the neighborhood chairman" so that the item reads "The reports hereunder will be made available to the public and copies sent to the neighborhood chairman not less than five (5) days prior to the public hearing required hereunder."
4. Under (f), Public Hearing, add (2) "Anyone may speak for or against granting the permit at the public hearing."
5. Under (g)(2)g. Findings of the Council, amend to read "No performance bond in minimum amounts as defined under Application for Permit."
6. That there be some assurance by the promoter or promoters that medical and sanitation facilities and all medical and security personnel both at parking and on the site are in place before parking is permitted at the site and before people are admitted to the site.

MRS. JOAN BARTZ, 6713 Tulsa Cove, made the following suggested changes to the proposed ordinance:

1. Address the Fire Department directly in the ordinance and have that department receive and make a report (on a mass gathering).

2. Require that when an application for a permit is filed, a notice that an application has been filed will be sent to the neighborhood organizations in the impacted area 45 days prior to the gathering.
3. Require a higher cash sum or performance bond to be posted by any promoter of a mass gathering.
4. Explicitly include in the ordinance the Emergency Medical Services, Fire Department and Narcotics Division of the Police Department in any required reporting.

In response to Ms. Bartz' question, City Attorney Harris stated that the insurance required was general public liability insurance which applied to private property and individuals, not just City personnel. Any claim filed by an individual would have to be followed up on by that individual, not by City personnel.

Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she would like to incorporate into the ordinance notification of neighborhood chairmen in the adjacent areas at the time an application for a permit is filed with the City. In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, City Manager Davidson stated that he did not think it necessary to include a report by the Fire Department since so much detail was already being asked for. He suggested that there be a provision in the ordinance prohibiting fires. It would then be up to the City to enforce it. In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, City Attorney Harris stated there was nothing wrong with going into more detail in the ordinance, but most of the new suggestions would be covered by previous requirements. Councilmember Himmelblau stated that the figure derived for posting of a cash sum or performance bond was intended not to be punitive. She did not want the ordinance to be so prohibitive that it was unlivable. If desirable, the ordinance could be amended at a later date.

Mayor Pro Tem Snell felt that it should be the responsibility of neighborhood groups to submit their names to the City. City Attorney Harris stated that the ordinance could say that notification would be sent to neighborhood groups whose names were on file with the City Clerk's Office. Councilmember Himmelblau stated that notification should be sent only to adjacent neighborhood groups being effected by the gathering.

The Mayor Pro Tem introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN OF 1967, BY ADDING THERETO A SECTION DESIGNATED "SEC. 23-28"; REGULATING MASS GATHERINGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS THEREFOR; PROVIDING A PENALTY; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECEMBER 1, 1976.

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 Linn, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Mayor Friedman

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

CITIZEN APPEARANCE TO DISCUSS FLOODING SITUATION

Mrs. Estefana Carrasco, representing the Lareina Drive Neighborhood Action Committee, appeared before the Council to discuss the flooding situation on the west side of Lareina Drive. She requested that the City remedy the problem.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question as to what was causing the runoff, Charles Graves, Engineering Department Director, stated that the area was an older subdivision and involved an old county road which always created a difficult drainage problem. Six lots were resubdivided five years ago and the City required the developer to install a storm sewer on the front of those lots. The developer sold the lots individually, and some of the lots received some fill while others did not. The result was that a natural trail was left on the back side of the lots. One resident had placed an outbuilding within the natural slough. He had discussed the problem with public works, and it was felt that a berm could be constructed which would get a substantial amount of runoff into the existing drainage pipe. Since the lots were not filled and St. Elmo Road was not paved, the problem was not solved easily. The only complete answer would be to pave St. Elmo Road.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, City Manager Davidson stated that paving of St. Elmo Road was not in the CIP at this time. Mr. Davidson requested that Mr. Graves bring back a report in two weeks to include the following information:

1. Description of the temporary solution suggested by Mr. Graves.
2. Easement requirements from property owners to enable the City to do some of the work.
3. Projection of the long-term solution as to the estimated cost of paving St. Elmo Road.
4. Some factors which the Council could use to determine when St. Elmo Road should be included in the Capital Improvements Program.

ITEM WITHDRAWN

The appearance of Mr. Larry Nelson, President of Associated Builders and Contractors, representing open-shop opinions about the 15 items presented to Council by the C.A.C. Committee was withdrawn at this time.

POSTPONEMENT OF REVISED CITY OF AUSTIN PERSONNEL POLICIES

City Manager Davidson stated that he had distributed a memorandum asking for at least a two-week postponement. Mayor Friedman proposed and the Council agreed that the item be postponed until at least the December 2, 1976, meeting.

COST DIFFERENCE PAYMENT

Councilmember Hofmann moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing payment of the following:

LUMBERMAN'S INVESTMENT CORPORATION, the cost difference of 12"/8" water mains installed in Colony Park Hills 1-B. (Cost to City: \$2,642.01)

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

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

LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR WATER MAIN

Councilmember Linn 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 installing a 48-inch water main beneath said railroad's right-of-way at 1,918.5 feet south of Mile Post 174, and a 48-inch water main beneath said railroad's right-of-way at 409 feet north of Mile Post 173 in Austin, Texas. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

USE OF MOTORBOAT ON TOWN LAKE

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the U. S. Geological Survey to use a motorboat on Town Lake in four water quality surveys, from November 9, 1976, through September 30, 1977. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Hofmann, 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 as to why an 85-horsepower motor was needed, City Manager Davidson stated that he thought that it was just the equipment available to use for the periodic surveys. Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she hated to see such a large piece of equipment used, but she would not oppose it.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

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

INFORMATION DESIGN, INC.
3247 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, California

- Rom 3 Com-Terminals (Computer Generated Microfilm File Viewers).
Library Department
Item 1 - \$25,066.80

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 awarding the following contract:

ENVIROQUIP, INC.
2526 Kramer Lane
Austin, Texas

- Diffused Aeration equipment, sludge handling equipment, and appurtenances, Water & Wastewater Treatment, Walnut Creek Plant.
Item 1 - \$386,250.00

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 awarding the following contract:

DELTA MACHINES COMPANY
Brownsville, Texas

- Four sewage pumps and estimated five day per diem for the Erection Supervision. Contract includes authority to increase pumping units to five, Water and Wastewater Treatment, Williamson Creek Plant.
Item 1; 4 ea. @ \$6,757.00
Item 2; estimated 5 days @ \$200.00
Total: \$28,028.00

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 awarding the following contract:

WEHRING-GOSS EQUIPMENT CORPORATION I. H. 35 and Wiedner Road San Antonio, Texas	- Repair Parts for a Ray Go Compactor, Vehicle and Equipment Services Department Items 1 through 37 - \$7,749.73
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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 awarding the following contract:

Bid Award:	- Twelve Months Supply Agreement for Tires and Tubes, with option to extend for twelve additional months, Vehicle and Equipment Services Department
GOODYEAR SERVICE STORE 101 Congress Avenue Austin, Texas	- Items 1-18, 27-33, 77-84, 96-98, 109- 148, 151-157, 177-179, and 183-210 - \$52,611.12
YOUNGBLOOD GENERAL TIRE, INC. 506 North Lamar Austin, Texas	- Items 19-22, 34-76, 85-95, 103-108, and 158-176 - \$77,985.56
WALKER TIRE COMPANY 7107 North Lamar Austin, Texas	- Items 99-102, and 180-182 - \$6,495.42
B. F. GOODRICH 116 Congress Avenue Austin, Texas	- Items 23-26, and 149-150 - \$1,272.46

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 awarding the following contract:

LAGUNA HILLS LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	- Property Clearance Program, Health
10500 Jollyville Road	Department.
Austin, Texas	Twelve Months Service Agreement -
	\$24,501.65

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 awarding the following contract:

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION	- Protective Relay Groups, Electric
201 North St. Mary's Street	Department.
San Antonio, Texas	Item 1 - \$51,694.20

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 Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution awarding the following contract:

GENTEC HOSPITAL SUPPLY	- Central Monitoring System for
1110 Hoefgen Avenue	Cardiac Care Unit, Brackenridge
San Antonio, Texas	Hospital - \$75,654.00

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

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

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Will Brown, Brackenridge Hospital Administrator, stated that the Central Monitoring System would enable the viewing of cardiac conditions from the nurse's station in the Cardiac Care Unit and was a replacement for the present system. The present system had been breaking down, requiring a great deal of repair.

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

SAMUEL RACOFF ASSOCIATES
Box 4092
Hialeah, Florida

- Materials Management System for the
Supply, Processing, and Distribution
Center; Hospital Building Project 2B -
\$20,000.00

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

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

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Brown stated that the requested system was a new concept for the hospital. Mr. Brown then described the new system. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Brown stated that there was an annual inventory of capital equipment, plus the Purchases and Stores Department helped with periodic internal audits of instrumentation and supplies. City Manager Davidson pointed out that the need for adequate control of all supplies and equipment in the hospital was one reason Mr. Brown had recommended the creation of a separate security force for the hospital.

Councilmember Himmelblau stated that some dissatisfaction had been expressed about the Friesen System. She then asked if the City would be locked in to another type of system about which there might be the same complaints. Mr. Brown stated that there had been some problems with the Gordon Friesen concept, but it was a matter of academia. Dr. Friesen's approach to hospital design was the controversial item. The vertical supply system was not the problem and was in use in Austin's newest hospital. In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Mr. Brown stated that other consultants had been looked into, but Dr. Racoff's system was the cheapest. It was unnecessary to take bids for a consultant. City Manager Davidson stated that normally several consultants' names would be put before the Council, but in this instance Dr. Racoff was the only one recommended.

ILLUMINATION AGREEMENT WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Illumination Agreement with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation on Spur 69 (Koenig Lane) between the Southern Pacific Railroad and Interstate Highway 35. 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

EXTENSION OF GOLF PRO-MANAGER AGREEMENTS

Councilmember Linn moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the exercising of an extension through May 31, 1977, under present terms and conditions of the Golf Pro-Manager agreements as follows:

<u>Golf Course</u>	<u>Pro-Manager</u>
Lions Municipal	George M. Turner
Morris Williams	George Hannon
Jimmy Clay	Joe J. Balander, Jr.
Hancock	Lloyd Morrison

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

SELECTION OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution selecting Mr. Eugene George for architectural services in connection with the SOUTH AUSTIN FIRE STATION, a 1977 Capital Improvements Program Project for the Fire Department. 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

EDUCATION AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving an Education 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 Division of Nutrition and Foods, the Department of Home Economics of The University of Texas at Austin. 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

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Mr. Will Brown stated that there would be no direct personnel cost to the City. The City would receive no reimbursement for teaching. Councilmember Himmelblau felt that the City should explore the possibility of being compensated for such teaching in the future. The City had a responsibility to the taxpayers not to become a teaching institution.

TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from Texas Criminal Justice Division for the Project entitled "Greater Austin Area Organized Crime Control Unit" (Project period: November 1, 1976 through October 31, 1977). The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

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

CONTRACT APPROVED FOR HOUSING 30 COUNTY PRISONERS IN
CITY JAIL

The Council had before it for consideration a contract between the City of Austin and Travis County for the housing of 30 County prisoners in the City jail. The contract would provide City custody for 30 County prisoners and would contain the following provisions:

1. If required, permanent renovations and the purchase of equipment necessary to change the facility from a temporary holding area to a permanent type of jail would be the responsibility of Travis County. Estimates are that the total costs of such conversion would be \$42,498.
2. The City's increased monthly operating costs of \$8,755 would be reimbursed by Travis County. This includes the costs of jailers, meals, laundry and operating expenses.
3. Costs of repairs and replacements for the jail facility or equipment, to the extent that they can be attributed to the Travis County jail function will be the responsibility of the County.
4. Hospital, health and medical services and financial arrangements will be the responsibility of the Commissioners' Court or the Sheriff's Department.
5. Transfer of prisoners will be the responsibility of the Commissioner's Court or the Sheriff's Department.
6. The City of Austin will be indemnified by the County in accordance with hold-harmless provisions to be developed jointly by the County Attorney and City Attorney.
7. The Contract can be terminated by either party with 30 days' notice.

In response to Councilmember Lebermann's question, City Manager Davidson stated that the economics in this instance were acceptable in relation to cost experience.

Chief Dyson stated that the City was not anxious to take on more prisoners, but that this was an effort to work with and help the County if at all possible. Councilmember Linn stated that she did not think that the contract was a good idea. She was concerned over bringing in a different type of prisoner. Mayor Friedman stated that the County prisoners would be the non-violent, non-troublemaking, longer term prisoners. The City would be getting a full-time, permanent, personal bond office open at the City jail which would reduce the City jail's population considerably once proper bonding procedures were followed. There was a commitment from the County to work toward solution of a joint jail facility. The County had agreed to a contract written by the City. The City was not making a profit, but all expenses were covered. The City was protected.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Mayor Friedman stated that the County would be responsible for all costs involved with the program. Chief Dyson stated that City employees would be covered under the County's insurance program. The County would also be required to protect the City against judgments or suits.

In response to Councilmember Trevino's question, Mayor Friedman stated that under the contract all prisoner transfers would be handled by the County, including transfer of prisoners from the City jail to the County jail. The City Police Department would not be handling any prisoner transfers. Councilmember Trevino requested that the contract read "Transfer of all prisoners will be the responsibility of the Commissioners' Court or the Sheriff's Department."

In response to Councilmember Trevino's question as to the length of the contract, Mayor Friedman stated the contract would be terminated upon completion of the new jail.

Councilmember Lebermann stated that the proposed contract comported perfectly with the City's stated ambition to cooperate with the County and they with us. He thought that the Mayor and Chief Dyson had done a good job in negotiating with the County.

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council authorize a contract between the City of Austin and Travis County for the housing of 30 County prisoners in the City jail, as outlined. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: Councilmember Linn, Mayor Pro Tem Snell, Councilmember Himmelblau

PUBLIC HEARING SET ON APPEAL OF SPECIAL PERMIT DENIAL

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council set a public hearing at 11:00 a.m., December 2, 1976 on an appeal from Mr. Mike O'Dell of the Planning Commission's decision to deny Special Permit C14p-76-041 for The Village Shopping Center. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Linn, carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR TAX APPEALS

Councilmember Lebermann moved that the Council set the following tax appeals for public hearing with a 15-minute time limitation for each property:

TO BE HEARD DECEMBER 3, 1976 - 2:30-5:00

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROPERTIES</u>
Don Epperson	1
Michael Harrison	1
Carl J. Rizzo	1
Wayne L. Young	1
Robert F. Hughes	1
Shirmer A. Mueller	1
Aubrey R. Cartlidge	1
A. E. Hollingshead	1
William R. Bright	1
Allandale Associates	1

TO BE HEARD DECEMBER 10, 1976 - 2:30-5:00

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROPERTIES</u>
William Slegeir	1
J. D. Copeland	1
James T. Bryan	1
Pauline Camp	1
Robert L. Deavers	1
Mrs. Patricia English	1
Edward Taborsky	1
Mrs. May F. Dear	1
Lee R. McCall	1
Ralph B. Vonstein	1

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PROPERTIES

TO BE HEARD DECEMBER 17, 1976 - 2:30-5:00

Richard A. E. White	2
Rodney D. Larson	7
J. G. Taylor	1
William Gregg	1

TO BE HEARD DECEMBER 21, 1976 - 4:00-6:30

Holiday Inn North & South	2
Anthony R. Bertucci	5
Holland Page	2

TO BE HEARD DECEMBER 22, 1976 - 4:00-6:30

Gage Western Investment	4
L. C. Hobbs	2
John F. Lanier	5

TO BE HEARD JANUARY 13, 1977 - 3:30

David Barrow	9
William Montandon	5

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

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

PAVING ORDINANCE

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AND ORDERING THE PAVING AND IMPROVEMENT OF PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH WORK, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF ESTIMATES, INVOKING THE ALTERNATE PROCEDURE PROVIDED BY ARTICLE I, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE ACTS OF THE FIRST CALLED SESSION OF THE 40TH LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE PAID BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PROVIDING A METHOD OF REIMBURSING THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR A PORTION OF SUCH COSTS BY ASSESSMENT OF A PORTION OF SUCH COSTS AGAINST THE PROPERTY ABUTTING SUCH STREETS OR PORTIONS THEREOF TO BE IMPROVED, AND FOR THE FIXING OF A LIEN TO SECURE PAYMENT OF SUCH ASSESSMENTS, STATING THE TIME AND MANNER PROPOSED FOR PAYMENT OF ALL SUCH COSTS, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE A NOTICE OF THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE TO BE FILED IN THE MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Alamo Street and other streets)

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ZONING ORDINANCE

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

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

A 33.90 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, SAVE AND EXCEPT A 0.06 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 4415 BURLESON ROAD, FROM INTERIM "AA" RESIDENCE, INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "D" INDUSTRIAL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (City of Austin, C14-76-059)

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ORDINANCE ADOPTING 1973 UNIFORM BUILDING CODE WITH AMENDMENTS

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967; ADOPTING VOLUME #1 OF THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE OF 1973 WITH CERTAIN DELETIONS; SUPPLYING RULES OF CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO UNIFORM BUILDING CODE AND CHAPTER 36; REPEALING AND REDESIGNATING EXISTING PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 36; AMENDING CHAPTER 36 BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 36-203 PROVIDING A DEFINITION FOR UNSAFE BUILDINGS; DECLARING UNSAFE BUILDINGS TO BE A NUISANCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

AMENDMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATIO ORDINANCE

The Council had before it consideration of amending the Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) Ordinance to delay the implementation of the 1977 standards for one year. Councilmember Linn stated that she had a number of letters requesting that the standards in some types of units go into effect now.

GEORGE SMITH, a heating and air conditioning contractor in Austin, stated that as a contractor, he was comfortable with increasing the EER at the end of 1976. However, he also served on the Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Appeal Board and in that capacity had heard a number of requests to delay the new requirements for one year, particularly with rooftop type units, which go into small commercial applications. It was his understanding that perhaps no manufacturer could meet the EER rating of 7 at this time in small tonnage air conditioning on rooftop applications. All manufacturers were in the process of redesign to come up with higher efficiency ratings. The Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Appeal Board voted to express the view that implementation of the 1977 EER standards be delayed for one year on all types of units.

Mayor Friedman suggested that there be a 6-month postponement with an option to extend it another 6 months. Monitoring would be easier on a 6-month basis. If in June not enough manufacturers could meet the standards, then the Council could consider a further extension.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 39-1 AND 39-70 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967, BY DEFINING THE TERM EER (ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATIO); 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 Lebermann moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance, approving the delay of implementing the 1977 standards for six months. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hofmann.

LARRY ZUNKER, President, Climate Engineering, read a letter which voiced his support for a one-year delay in implementing the standards. He did not favor a six-month delay because it would create inventory problems with local distributors and contractors who could not be sure whether they could use the 6.5 or 6.8 equipment. It would also give certain manufacturers an unfair competitive advantage because they would have 7.0 equipment.

Mayor Friedman was concerned that if the standards were postponed for a year that dealers would stock up in the spring and then have equipment on hand the following December that would not meet standards. Mr. Zunker stated that as of January 1, 1978, no equipment should be put in with a rating of less than 7. He also pointed out that in the 1-1/2 through 5-ton unit equipment range that business peaked May through September, which meant that inventories were low during the last quarter of the year. Councilmember Lebermann stated that some of the concerns expressed by Mr. Zunker were valid; however, he felt that the safeguard of continued Council awareness was important enough to be brought up again in six months. Mayor Friedman suggested that a hearing on the matter be scheduled for the last Thursday in April, 1977, to review the situation at that time to determine if implementation of the standards should be delayed beyond July 1, 1977.

TOM ROMBERG stated that he hoped the Council would not have to reconsider the matter at all by applying the following exception clause which he had proposed in a letter to the Council:

"If the Building Official determines there are less than three manufacturers of any type and size units, then the 1976 EER requirements shall apply until such time as the Building Official determines there are more than three manufacturers of units of that type and size."

In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Romberg stated that he believed adequate equipment was available with one exception.

Roll Call on Motion

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Friedman stated that thanks to everyone who participated in the discussion, the Council had a better chance to help monitor the situation better. In April, if manufacturers of 7.0 EER rating equipment were abundant, then the July 1, 1977 standards would become effective. If not, then everyone still had time to be sure not to overload on a stock of inoperative equipment.

AMENDMENTS TO CHARITABLE SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Linn stated that the amendments were to clarify the 25% rule as to what counted as expenses and to add the words "service or athletic" to the organizations covered.

Mayor Friedman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN OF 1967; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF CHARITABLE OR WELFARE PURPOSES; AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SOLICITATION EXPENSES; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THAT AN ORDINANCE BE READ 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 Mayor Pro Tem Snell, 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.

FLOW CHART FROM CENTRAL TEXAS MEDICAL FOUNDATION

The Council had before it consideration of a request from Councilmember Himmelblau that the Central Texas Medical Foundation provide a flow chart as to the hours and locations of all interns and residents in their program. Councilmember Himmelblau stated that she had just recently learned that the City had residents from the Brackenridge Hospital program at other institutions than the Hospital and Family Practice Clinic. She asked that Dr. Smart, Chairman of the CTMF Board, provide the Flow Chart so that the Council would know where the residents were placed. She felt strongly that City tax dollars should not be used for some of the program.

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council request the Central Texas Medical Foundation to provide a flow chart as to the hours and locations of all interns and residents in their program. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Linn, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

TRUCK TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON MESA DRIVE

The Council had before it for consideration the restriction of truck traffic on Mesa Drive.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked Mr. Joe Ternus, Director of Urban Transportation, if it was possible to limit the hours and speed as well as restrict truck traffic to certain days of the week on Mesa Drive. Mr. Ternus stated that there was a speed limit on Mesa Drive. The type of truck and its usage on Mesa Drive also was restricted. There was no ordinance which limited the time of day that trucks could be on Mesa Drive or any other street. Councilmember Himmelblau also expressed concern over the use of school routes by the trucks and asked if there was a way to limit that usage. There would be a continuing problem as more and more development took place. Mr. Ternus stated that he encouraged the use of Spicewood Springs Road for truck traffic.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, City Attorney JERRY HARRIS stated that a separate speed limit could be set for trucks as long as the variance was not great. However, City Manager Davidson stated that he would not recommend it due to enforcement difficulties.

In response to Councilmember Himmelblau's question, Mr. Ternus stated that under present ordinances, the City had done as much as possible to solve the problem. It was his understanding that developers and contractors had visited with some area residents to try to reduce the impact on the neighborhood. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Ternus stated that with the exception of Congress Avenue, there was no ordinance to prohibit trucks on certain streets. There was a truck route ordinance which prohibited through trucks from using certain streets, but trucks going to and from deliveries were not banned from the streets. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Ternus stated that trucks could cross Congress Avenue. Councilmember Linn stated that she wanted to see the trucks use truck routes such as Ben White Boulevard and Lamar Boulevard.

City Manager Davidson stated that he had been getting some of the same calls which Councilmember Himmelblau had received from people living along Mesa Drive. It was the same problem that had occurred as other areas of the City developed. Through truck traffic could be pretty well controlled. Truck speed limits on streets such as Mesa Drive could be heavily enforced also. He could ask that in problem areas some systematic method of Chief Dyson's ensuring that frequent and periodic monitoring of those speeds be done. Developers had cooperated with Mr. Ternus and his staff in trying to review alternate routes if they existed. He did not have a recommended ordinance amendment to solve the Mesa Drive problem.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked if routes could be specified for construction trucks in any new developments coming before the Planning Commission for permits. Mr. Ternus stated that he seriously doubted that the routes could be specified.

City Attorney Harris stated that if reasonable alternative routes existed to a place, then certain types of vehicles could be prohibited on the other route. The problem was that reasonable access must be provided to all people who needed to use the public streets to get to and from a place. In the Mesa Drive situation, there might be a lack of other viable alternatives in getting to the particular location. This method would be an easier way to handle the problem rather than through the subdivision process which really was not set up to speak to this particular exercise of police power.

Mr. Ternus stated that as areas developed and where reasonable routes existed, the City could install temporary truck routes on residential streets. However, at the Mesa Drive situation, reasonable alternative routes did not exist. One route proposed by Councilmember Himmelblau could not be used because it was not a dedicated street.

MR. RALPH KEHLE, 6305 Belo Horizonte, stated that the entire area was concerned with heavy truck traffic due to new developmentssinthe Cat Mountain area. He recommended that the way subdivisions were approved be amended so that an entire area bounded by major routes which could easily be considered truck traffic routes would have to be planned in advance so that no residential street would ever be used for major development traffic unless those streets were the last to be developed as residential.

Mr. Kehle suggested that Mount Bonnell Drive be used to reroute truck traffic into the Cat Mountain development instead of Mesa Drive. If the routing were granted, Mr. Kehle suggested that a simple means of enforcement would be to install a barricade at the end of the pavement on Mesa Drive and at the end of the pavement on Walnut Clay Street. The barricades would not prohibit the local traffic which was building on a specific lot which had no other access at present from reaching the site but would restrict through truck traffic.

Mr. Ternus stated that the area described by Mr. Kehle was not a dedicated street and could not be used. The only access to the area was Mesa Drive. In response to Mr. Kehle's question regarding the use of dirt roads, Mayor Friedman stated that the City could not order the use of those roads for truck traffic.

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Councilmember Himmelblau asked if developers could be requested to improve the roads and dedicate them before building out further. City Manager Davidson stated that in some instances there were not contiguous properties under the same ownership. Such was the case in the Cat Mountain development. Mr. Kehle stated that the developer did own all of the property down to what would be the dedicated Mount Bonnell Road.

City Manager Davidson stated that the City was not taking the matter lightly because the problem was difficult to solve. Mr. Ternus and his staff had gone into the matter thoroughly. Good cooperation had been obtained from some of the trucking companies involved to get them to take other routes. Mayor Friedman stated that the only thing the City could do to try to alleviate some of the situations was a close police patrol to decrease truck speeds.

Mr. Kehle stated that he was concerned about the possibility of future developments which wouldn't concern him. He asked that regardless of whether or not an undeveloped tract of land enveloped by four major arteries belonging to more than one individual did the City not have the power at the admission of the subdivision to its development stage to require that plans be carried out in such a way that there would be access routes into the bulk of the property? Mayor Friedman stated that he thought the idea was valid and that it might be feasible to stipulate in the ordinance approving a subdivision how material would be transported into an area. He suggested that the item be forwarded to Mr. Dick Lillie and ask the Planning Commission and Legal Department to look into it. City Manager Davidson pointed out that to pave the streets under Mr. Kehle's proposed subdivision amendment would require trucks over somebody's streets to get there, and that was the City's dilemma.

Mr. Kehle disagreed. He stated that with a new tract of ground enveloped by four major arterial routes, the first subdivision in would have to furnish its access route. No subsequent subdivision could use that access route unless it was required by ordinance to be available. There would have to be a half-dedicated street. He cited an example in Houston where many subdivisions had half of a boulevard on one edge of the subdivision. No houses ever faced those edges. When the next block or parcel was developed, that developer had to put in his side of the street. There was always an access route into the entire subdivision that did not go in front of anyone's house. He knew of two communities in Southern California where he had lived where the same situation was true. City Manager Davidson asked what happened after that street was left. It was necessary to drive in front of someone's house to get to the last lots developed in that area of the subdivision. Mr. Kehle stated that in each situation he would have to sit down and figure out how each different one would have to be treated in the planning process.

City Manager Davidson stated that there were subdivisions in Austin where that process had been used. Even if it were done, there would still be trucks using streets which people would rather not have them traverse.

MRS. PEGGY CUNDIFF, 6806 Mesa Drive, stated that trucks were using all three suggested area school routes. She was concerned over excess speed and long hours of operation. The streets all had bike lanes, but she did not think that the trucks had infringed upon them. She hoped that something could be done to restrict the speed and hours of operation of the trucks. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mrs. Cundiff stated that the trucks were not losing any dirt or gravel.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked Mr. Ternus if reduction of speed limits to 20 mph would slow the trucks down to perhaps 30 mph. Mr. Ternus stated that he hoped that the 30 mph speed limit was being obeyed. He wanted to examine the 20 mph before recommending it.

Mayor Friedman suggested that trucks be banned on all area streets except for a Spicewood Springs Road and F.M. 2222. The trucks would still have a north-south access needed to get to the Cat Mountain project. Mr. Ternus suggested setting up Spicewood Springs Road between Balcones Drive and Mesa as a truck route. An additional route would take truck traffic off other east-west streets now being used. That move would add more trucks to Mesa Drive north of Far West Boulevard and north of Northhills Drive between there and Spicewood Springs Road. In response to Mayor Friedman's question, Mr. Ternus stated that he would work on some programs and get back with the Council to try to divert truck traffic as much as possible.

MRS. BARBARA BACKUS, 6606 Mesa Drive, spoke in opposition to the heavy truck traffic on Mesa Drive.

Mayor Friedman pointed out that the issue faced by the Council was what was the proper kind of growth. The arguments over the opening of MoPac were similar to the present situation with Mesa Drive. Whenever growth issues were discussed, strong opposition came from developers who did not want to change.

Councilmember Linn stated that one problem created by not restricting truck traffic to any extent was that heavy trucks were wearing out City streets. She thought that the City should designate main routes for truck traffic and restrict trucks to those routes. Mr. Ternus stated that the City did restrict through truck traffic. The problem was that most trucks in the City were not through trucks. He thought that it might be possible legally to create a three or four tier truck route system. There was no other truck route west of Lamar Boulevard until West Loop was reached. A large area of the City had no designated truck route. Councilmember Linn objected to the use of 6th Street as a truck route. Mr. Ternus stated that his department was working on the problem.

Mayor Friedman asked that Mr. Ternus proceed to see what could be done about a diversion right away on Mesa Drive. He asked the City Manager and Mr. Ternus to confer with Mr. Lillie to obtain recommendations from the Planning Department and Planning Commission as to what could be done with new subdivision applications to get a truck traffic restriction program under way.

City Manager Davidson stated that he was for all of the restrictions and protection which could be provided. He felt it was wrong to make people believe that something could be done that might not be constitutional or feasible. There were some approaches which could be done legally and he would be pleased to pursue those approaches to see if improvements could be made. Mayor Friedman also suggested a closer police patrol on Mesa Drive for a period of time.

AERIAL TERRAIN STUDY.

Mr. Charles Graves, Director, and Mr. Jim Thompson, Head of the Mapping Division of the Engineering Department, presented a slide presentation of the Aerial Terrain Study for Master Drainage Study Status Report. The Council

had earlier approved a professional services contract with International Aerial Mapping Company of San Antonio for planimetric and topographic mapping of the Austin area. Phase 1A was now nearing completion. The Department was now requesting Council approval for Phase 1B which would cost \$256,818.00.

Mr. Graves pointed out that Austin was one of only a few cities which was using the system on a large magnitude. The City of Houston was able to show a savings of 1% in the Capital Improvements Program from having maps of this quality. Part of the cost of producing and printing the maps would be absorbed by the private section and governmental agencies so that eventually the program would be self-supporting.

City Manager Davidson stated that from a staff standpoint, the project was one of the most professionally oriented ones the City could have gotten into. In the future, the project would save the City money and would solve many problems. An agenda item would be brought back later for authority to proceed with Phase 1B.

BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL BOARD REPORT ON HEALTH CARE CONSULTING FIRM

MR. JAMES PFLUGER, Chairman, Brackenridge Hospital Board, stated that on October 26, 1976, the Hospital Board had forwarded a letter to the City Manager requesting Council consideration for a consultant for the health studies which were in progress at Brackenridge Hospital. The Board had been working for 2-1/2 months in response to the Council's request that the Board examine Brackenridge Hospital, the City's health care and where it was going. The Board was now asking for Council sanction to gather more information regarding potential health care consultants. In response to Councilmember Linn's question, Mr. Pfluger stated that the sliding pay scale was one item being examined. It was not known what the changes would be if the scale was increased, even to the current OEO scale.

Councilmember Himmelblau thanked the Board for its work and asked that the Board make suggestions as to a consultant perhaps within two weeks. She believed that the Council should approve and formulate the work program working with the Board.

Mr. Pfluger stated that presently the Board was working up a preliminary request for proposal to give to the Council which would ~~want~~ outline some of the recommendations and needs for the consultant. The Board had developed an extensive list of consultants who had expressed interest both to the City and the Board. The Board, through its committee structure, could respond to all interested parties, interview them and perhaps narrow down the number who seemed most qualified and then submit those names to the Council. The Board could also write the request for proposal and submit all of the names to the Council. It would still be necessary for someone to evaluate each of the names.

Mayor Friedman suggested that a time limit not be set for the Board to report back to the Council. He thought it was fine for the Board to look up procedures and consultants for the Council to examine, but he also thought that the work should be coordinated with the City Manager's Office. Mr. Pfluger stated that Mr. William King Brown, Administrator of Brackenridge, and Mr. Jim Miller, Assistant City Manager, had been working closely with the Board on the matter.

Mayor Friedman suggested that the Board proceed with that understanding and report back to the Council when it was ready to support its recommendations.


ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk