

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

September 16, 1965  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

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

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks  
Absent: Mayor Palmer

Present also: Jim Wilson, Acting City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Mayor Palmer and Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, were out of the City.

Invocation was delivered by RABBI JUDAH L. FISH, Congregation Agudas Achim Church.

Councilman LaRue moved that MR. JOE MANOR be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman White. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. MANOR, representing the Greater Austin Association, read a letter to the Council as follows:

"The inspired leadership and direction you have given to Austin's bid for the atom smasher project has earned the admiration and confidence of all of our citizenry.

"You have touched off an unprecedented wave of civic pride and unity of purpose which should continue to accrue to Austin's benefit even beyond the conclusion of this particular project.

"It is a privilege, therefore, to place at your disposal the full weight of the GREATER AUSTIN ASSOCIATION in keeping with the purposes of this organization as set out in the attached certificate.

"It is the wish and the desire of G.A.A. that you call upon us for whatever support you may need in carrying to the Atomic Energy Commission Austin's maximum effort. We shall also hold ourselves available to assist you if needed in hosting such representatives as may visit our city in conjunction with this project.

"Congratulations on the splendid job you all are doing."

He read a certificate setting out the purposes of the Greater Austin Association.

Mayor Pro Tem Shanks heartily endorsed the purposes for which the Association stood; and with those purposes Austin would not only be great, but would be greater. As far as the efforts on the Atomic project were concerned he had never seen the City of Austin get behind and put its shoulder to the wheel like it is doing on this particular project. The City under the leadership of MAYOR LESTER PALMER, the Chamber of Commerce, the scientific brains, and all doing what they can, it can be said that nothing had been left undone to get this project here. This is the first time the entire City has gotten behind a project such as it had this one. When the Mayor returns, this letter and offer will be brought to his attention.

Councilman White commended Mr. Manor and all of the Association Members stating they were going to be a great help to the City of Austin and Austin needs groups like this. Many times the Council may call on this group for some advice and thinking.

Councilman LaRue added his expressions of appreciation of their efforts in behalf of the citizens of Austin to those already expressed. He said he was impressed with the words taken from their by-laws, and asked that a copy be left so they could be incorporated in the City Minutes as official Minutes of the Council. Councilman LaRue read in part from the statement, of the Purposes of Greater Austin Association, stating those purposes were exemplary and he wanted to express his appreciation to the Association for all of its efforts and for what is expected to be done in the future.

The Purposes of Greater Austin Association is as follows:

"The purpose of this organization is to combine the efforts of all citizens, without regard to political party affiliation, race or religious preference, who believe in the principles of honest and dedicated citizenship in municipal government; who believe that we, as citizens of Austin, are the trustees of a proud and noble heritage and that it is our duty as individuals to join in a united effort to build an even greater Austin; and with these purposes in mind, to lend our energies and our support to the continuous growth of the City and its constituent parts and to encourage and support men and women of like mind to share in the burdens of municipal government.

"With these aims accomplished, Austin will continue to be one of the best cities in the nation in which to live."

Councilman Long expressed her appreciation for this group, and she was sure they had invited all people to join; and as long as there is participation

of the people of Austin in any movement, then there will be no worry about the future of Austin.

Councilman Long moved that MR. DICK PETTWAY be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman White. Roll call showed a unanimous vote:

MR. PETTWAY stated as a citizen, this was a forward looking thing. There is now in the United Fund an AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND and it is very broad in its scope, and its object is to help build our city after the manner in which Mr. Manor had just outlined.

Councilman LaRue moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of September 9, 1965, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Palmer  
Present but not voting: Councilman Long

The Council had before it for consideration a refund contract with C. W. HETHERLY, JR. for the installation of water mains in North Oaks, Section 3, Phase 1 and 2 in the sum of \$8,318.73. The Acting City Manager stated this contract covered utilities in Water District 7, which the City had acquired. The District had been offering water refund contracts to customers in the district; now the City is owner of this district, and this is the regular contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Shanks introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH C. W. HETHERLY, JR. FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Palmer

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Palmer

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the

ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Mayor Palmer

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

The Acting City Manager submitted the following:

"September 9, 1965

"TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council.

SUBJECT: Bids for Welding Gases (Oxygen and Acetylene) for all City Departments and Hydrogen, Nitrogen and CO<sub>2</sub> for the Power Plants for a twelve (12) months period.

"Sealed bids were opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 P.M. September 8, 1965 for the estimated requirements of Welding Gases (Oxygen and Acetylene) for all City Departments and Hydrogen, Nitrogen and CO<sub>2</sub> for the Power Plants for a period of twelve (12) months. These gases are to be delivered to the various City Departments as required during this period. Invitations to bid were sent to all known local suppliers of this type of material.

"The bids received are as follows:

		<u>Welding Gases</u>	<u>Hydrogen &amp; Nitrogen</u>	<u>CO<sub>2</sub></u>
Big Three Industrial	Net			
Gas & Equipment Co.	Total	<u>\$1,595.00</u>	<u>\$3,717.00</u>	<u>\$336.00</u>
	Net			
Austin Oxygen Company	Total	1,998.50	7,591.50	No Bid

"The bid by Big Three Industrial Gas & Equipment Company meets all requirements and conditions of our specifications. Our present contract is with Big Three and the service has been excellent.

"RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended a contract be made with Big Three Industrial Gas and Equipment Company to furnish Welding Gases (Oxygen and Acetylene) to all City Departments and Hydrogen, Nitrogen and CO<sub>2</sub> to the Power Plants for a period of twelve (12) months beginning October 1, 1965 and ending September 30, 1966.

"W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager"

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on September 8, 1965,

for welding gases (Oxygen and Acetylene) for all City Departments and Hydrogen, Nitrogen and CO<sub>2</sub> for the Power Plants for a twelve (12) months period; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Big Three Industrial Gas & Equipment Company, in the sum of \$1,595.00 for welding gases, in the sum of \$3,717.00 for Hydrogen and Nitrogen, and in the sum of \$336.00 for CO<sub>2</sub>, were the lowest and best bids therefor, and the acceptance of such bids has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bids of Big Three Industrial Gas & Equipment Company, in the sum of \$1,595.00 for welding gases, in the sum of \$3,717.00 for Hydrogen and Nitrogen, and in the sum of \$336.00 for CO<sub>2</sub>, be and the same are hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with Big Three Industrial Gas & Equipment Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Palmer

The Acting City Manager submitted the following:

"Sealed bids opened 10:00 A.M. September 10, 1965

Tabulated by: B. J. Bonds, Purchasing Agent

"City of Austin, Texas Bids For Tires, Tubes,  
Recapping Contract - October 1, 1965 - September 30, 1966

Tires and Tubes (Estimated Quantities based on previous purchases)	Firestone Stores (Firestone)	Walker Tire Company (Dayton)	Jackson Tire Company (Armstrong)	Austin Goodyear Co. Inc. (Goodyear)	B.F. Good- rich Co. (Goodrich)
	\$29,197.66	<u>\$25,222.30</u>	\$24,504.78*	\$32,949.50	\$32,347.61

\*The bid by Jackson Tire Company failed to meet our specifications requiring that "Tires for Police service shall be specially designed for high speed, heavy duty Police car service." The tire bid by Jackson Tire Company is a regular passenger tire of the same type that they bid for our other passenger cars.

Recapping, Section  
and spot repairs

(Estimated quantities) \$ 2,687.48    \$ 2,283.46    \$ 2,577.89    No Bid    No Bid

Note: Walker Tire Company has had previous contracts for Tires and Tubes with Dayton Tires and the quality and service of these Tires and Tubes has been good.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that a contract be made with Walker Tire Company to supply Dayton Tires and Tubes as the lowest and best bid meeting our specifications for recapping, section and spot repairs as the lowest and best bid.

"W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager"

After detailed discussion, Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on September 10, 1965, for the furnishing of tires and tubes and for recapping, section and spot repairs, for twelve months period beginning October 1, 1965 and ending September 30, 1966; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Walker Tire Company, in the sum of \$25,222.30 for tires and tubes, and in the sum of \$2,687.48 for recapping, section and spot repairs, were the lowest and best bids therefor, and the acceptance of such bids has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bids of Walker Tire Company, in the sum of \$25,222.30 for tires and tubes, and in the sum of \$2,687.48 for recapping, section and spot repairs, be and the same are hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute contracts, on behalf of the City, with Walker Tire Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Palmer

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, after an engineering and traffic investigation, the City Council has found that the circumstances are such that the maximum reasonable and safe speed for the operation of vehicles at the following location is less than thirty (30) miles per hour on school days during the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. when pedestrians are present; and,

WHEREAS, after said investigation the City Council has found that the maximum reasonable and safe speed for the operation of vehicles is twenty (20) miles per hour on such days and during such hours at the following location:

ON STREET

FROM

TO

Chicon Street

East 16th Street

East 18th Street

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Clerk be authorized and instructed to record this finding in Section 33.39 of the Traffic Register.

The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Palmer

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a certain easement was reserved by the City of Austin for public utility purposes in, upon, and across that certain alley which traversed the James P. Hart's Resubdivision of Block 16 Christian and Fellman Addition, a subdivision of Outlot 26, Division C of the Government Outlots adjoining the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Outlots on file in the General Land Office of the State of Texas; a map or plat of said Christian and Fellman Addition being of record in Book 1 at page 73 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, and a map or plat of said James P. Hart's Resubdivision being of record in Book 2 at page 246 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, by ordinance dated May 14, 1964 of the City Council of the City of Austin, and recorded in Volume 2800 at page 223 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owner of the above described property has requested the City Council of the City of Austin to entirely release a portion of said easement, and to release all except two purposes for which the remainder may be used; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that a portion of said easement is not now needed and will not be required in the future; and that only an enclosed storm water drainage and sanitary sewer easement need be retained by the City under and across the remaining portion of said easement; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute an instrument in writing entirely releasing the following described portion of a public utility easement, to wit:

Two (2) strips of land, the strip of land hereinafter described as Number 1 being 7.50 feet in width, and the strip of land hereinafter described as Number 2 being 1.50 feet in width; each of the said two (2) strips of land being out of and a part of that certain public utility and drainage easement twenty (20.00) feet in width which was retained in, upon and across that certain alley which traversed the James P. Hart's Resubdivision of Block 16, Christian and Fellman Addition, a subdivision of Outlot 26, Division C of the Government Outlots adjoining the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Outlots on file in the General Land Office of the State of Texas; a map or plat of said Christian and Fellman Addition being of record in Book 1 at page 73 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, and a map or plat of said James P. Hart's Resubdivision being of record in

Book 2 at page 246 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; by ordinance dated May 14, 1964, of the City Council of the City of Austin, and recorded in Volume 2800 at page 223 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, and each of the said two (2) strips of land being more particularly described as follows:

NUMBER 1: BEING all the North 7.50 feet of the above described Public utility and drainage easement;

NUMBER 2: BEING all the South 1.50 feet of the above described public utility and drainage easement; and,

releasing the remaining eleven (11.00) feet of said easement of record in Volume 2800, at page 223 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, for all purposes except an easement for the purposes of enclosed storm water drainage and sanitary sewer.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Palmer

After explanation by the Director of Public Works, Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement, on behalf of the City of Austin, with Southern Pacific Company for the installation of a thirty (30) inch storm sewer crossing at Engineer's Station 301 / 69 at Mile Post 7.14, same to be laid for the full width of Railroad's property, in accordance with its standard plan and specifications (as shown on Drawing C.S. 1741, dated April 20, 1953, revised July 24, 1961), and also in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain agreement exhibited to the City Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said agreement in the permanent records of her office without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council.

The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Palmer

Councilman Long brought up a petition signed by 40 citizens filed by Mrs. Ruth C. Walling, 803 Columbus Street, asking that the bus service on South 1st Street be retained for night service until 9:00 P.M. for the working people. Councilman Long asked that this be sent to Mr. Malone, Manager of the Austin



Transit Corp. for his consideration and that he give the Council a report on whether or not there is a possibility of continuing that night service. Mayor Pro Tem Shanks asked the Acting City Manager to contact Mr. Malone. Councilman Long suggested if more of these petitions were received from areas where the working people have no bus service at night, that Mr. Malone be asked to or that the City explore the transportation aspects of the Federal Government and see if assistance can be obtained for the bus company in these areas where transportation is needed. The Acting City Manager stated he would be happy to talk with Mr. Malone about this.

The Acting City Manager read a letter mailed to MAYOR PALMER from JOE G. MOORE, JR., Executive Director, Texas Water Development Board, requesting a parking space in front of their new headquarters in the Lowich Building on 11th Street, for the purpose of parking a State vehicle. The recommendation of the Traffic and Transportation Department was for disapproval of the request, for the reason the City now provides 30' of space in front of the building for loading and unloading; and there is also a parking lot located on the east side of the building, and one leading from the alley to the north. In the past all such requests had been disapproved for the parking for an individual car or office vehicle. Councilman Long suggested that the City give this considerable thought. Councilman LaRue stated if this is granted on the basis of what is in the letter, that a number of State employees would be in the same category, and there would be no parking spaces on the City streets. Councilman White stated there were a lot of parking spaces around the Lowich Building. Mayor Pro Tem Shanks stated this request would be taken under study.

The Acting City Manager stated the Director of Public Works met with MR. ED BLUESTEIN, District Engineer, Highway Department, regarding the request of TRACOR for a name of the highway that is being built near their property. A recommendation for naming this highway will be presented to the Council next Thursday. The State has no objection for the City's designating a proper name to the Highway, although the State will carry an official highway designation. Councilman LaRue had talked to Mr. Frank McBee, and he had some suggestions such as Tracor Lane, Tracor Boulevard or Industrial Boulevard. It was stated there was already a Tracor Lane. Mayor Pro Tem Shanks stated some recommended names would be brought in next week.

The City Attorney reported Mr. Carl Hardin had a zoning case on Evergreen Avenue, and he showed on a sketch the property involved and a proposed connection of West Annie Street with Collier Street. The City Attorney predicted if the roadway should require 80-90' width, there would be extensive severance damages. There are no fixed definite plans as to the location for the extension of this street through this neighborhood at this time. Under those circumstances, it was thought the best thing to do was for the City to buy the property. The Hardins had a buyer for the property subject to the zoning, and the City Attorney listed the price the Hardins were to receive. He stated since the property on all sides of this tract were zoned Commercial, the failure to zone this property would not affect the value of the property. The City Attorney stated this project was not budgeted, and was not in the next three years of the capital improvement program. It was stated the roadway would have to go over Bouldin Creek and cross the railroad, and that is why additional right of way is needed now. The City Attorney stated a number of developments in the neighborhood of Collier Street have 80 and

90' rights of way. After discussion, Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract for the purchase of that property for not more than \$15,000, if the money is available. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Palmer

Councilman White stated this development may be less than three years off. The City Attorney stated it could be, as crossing the railroad track is really getting to be a problem, as it is very awkward and inconvenient especially for loaded vehicles to go down to West Mary to the crossing.

The Acting City Manager said he had a phone call from MR. ROBERT SNEED requesting that the Southwest Austin Optimist Club which supports the Babe Ruth Little League, be granted permission to use the southeast corner of the Auditorium Parking Lot this Christmas to sell Christmas trees. Mayor Pro Tem Shanks asked that this be held up until a check with the Auditorium Manager could be made.

The Acting City Manager called attention to the filing of the Electric Utilities Monthly Progress Report.

The Council reviewed the preliminary drawings with the Director of Electric Utilities for the Electric Service Building, which will be just east of West Avenue, and will be about 29,000 square feet. The architects were Riley and Associates. The building was described briefly and the auditorium section was pointed out. The Auditorium will be used for meetings, for cooking demonstrations, displays and will be available to the public. It was hoped to begin construction on this building in December.

The Council, by rising vote, adopted the following resolution:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, in 1962 the City of Austin and the Austin Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of Austin businessmen and citizens, initiated and produced the 1st Annual Austin Aqua Festival; and

WHEREAS, the 4th Annual Austin Aqua Festival, offering much entertainment and pleasure to the citizens of Austin and Central Texas as well as out of state visitors, was the most successful to date, both financially and in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is most fortunate in having as its own two men with capabilities of service in many fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the 4th Annual Austin Aqua Festival record was made possible by the outstanding work in organization and operation by President Vance Murphy and Commodore Rod Kennedy; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That a page be set apart in the official minutes of the City Council upon which shall be spread this Resolution, and that this expression of the gratitude of the people of the City of Austin for a job well done be presented to President Vance Murphy and Commodore Rod Kennedy.

There being no further business Councilman LaRue moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Pro Tem Shanks

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Palmer

The Council adjourned at 10:45 A.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

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Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Edna Woolley  
City Clerk