MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

October 17, 1968
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. with Mayor Akin presiding.

Present: Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols
Absent: None

Present also: R. M. Tinstman, City Manager; Doren R. Biskew, City Attorney

Invocation was delivered by REVEREND JOHN TOWERY, Congregational Church.

HORTICULTURAL SERVICES

The City Manager, MR. BOB TINSTMAN, reported contacts with various individuals associated with the horticulture program as it has been conducted in the past. He stated if the Council wishes, they are proposing that funds be made available for the past program to continue through the first of the year, recommending no more than six months, but that the Parks and Recreation Department develop a more direct and comprehensive program available to the City, using a full-time horticultural service for the City's various parks, boulevards, and other public facilities. Councilman Long endorsed the $3,500 appropriation under the County-City program as being worthwhile. Councilman Janes, noting A & M provided 50% of the program, the County and City participating 25% each, suggested the City employ a horticulturist and that he be available for the other program, the City receiving credit for the $3,500. The City Manager stated the City needed a horticulturist available to work on all of the City facilities. Councilman Long urged further evaluation of this program, as it is a worthy service. Councilman LaRue agreed. Councilman Nichols thought these people should come in before the beginning of every budget period and present their application.

Councilman Long moved that the $3,500 be appropriated in the year's budget.

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

Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols
Noes: None
MR. JAMES A. HOWARD, President of the Austin Chapter of Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, told the Council his organization had asked him to express their sincere desire to more actively participating in the City government affairs, and they felt their talents and capabilities could be of benefit to the various boards and commissions. He furnished each member of the Council with a list of specific members, asking that consideration be given to them as appointees on several boards in which they are particularly interested. Mayor Akin thanked him for his recommendation, and Councilman LaRue expressed appreciation for their interest.

SCHOOL GROUP GREETED

MAYOR AKIN recognized a group of students from Ortega Elementary School, welcoming them to the Council meeting.

VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FLOW

The Council received the 1968 Vehicle Traffic Flow Report. Councilman Long called attention to added traffic on Riverside Drive between Congress and I.H. 35, and I.H. 35 East. The four-way stop signs had been removed, and she asked the Traffic Engineer to make a study to see if actuated lights could be used to channel that traffic out, and the lights to change when the traffic stacked up. Councilman LaRue noted Austin’s increase is 6.6% and the anticipated 10.2%. The Council discussed the report in interesting detail.

Councilman LaRue moved to receive the 1968 Vehicle Traffic Flow Report.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes
Noes: None

PETITION FOR ONE-WAY STREETS ON SAN GABRIEL AND SAN PEDRO

COUNCILMAN LONG presented a petition to the City Manager from the people on San Pedro, asking that San Pedro and San Gabriel be made one-way streets. The Council, on the motion would study this petition.

Councilman Long moved to have a study made of this petition for one-way streets on San Pedro and San Gabriel.

Councilman Nichols, seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin
Noes: None

ZONING ORDINANCES PASSED

Mayor Akin 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 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS:
LOT 10, BLOCK 5, BROAD ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 5402 JEFF DAVIS AVENUE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT AND "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue
Noes: None

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Janes moved the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Akin introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS:
(1) LOTA 1, 2, AND 3 OF THE SUDOTH ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 6514-6600 BERKMAN DRIVE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; AND (2) TWO (2) TRACTS OF LAND CONSISTING OF 1.84 ACRES, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1602-1610 WHEELESS LANE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "BB" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.
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Noes: None

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AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 7, 8, 11, 12, AND 13, OF BERGSTROM TERRACE, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1606-1700 AND 1706-1802 DALTON LANE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; AND ADDITIONAL AREA: LOTS 9 AND 10, OF BERGSTROM TERRACE, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1702-1704 DALTON LANE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE PASSED

Mayor Akin brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION
OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY
OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN
ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 127
ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A
PART OF THE ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE AND THE
SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT IN TRAVIS COUNTY,
TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES
ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS
STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Janes moved that the
ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried
by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ANNEXATION SET FOR HEARING, OCTOBER 31ST, 1968

The Council introduced, ordered published and set for public hearing at
10:30 A.M., October 31, 1968, ordinances annexing the following:

(1) 21.25 acres of land out of the Santiago Del Valle Grant
    Requested by representative for owner
(2) 10.64 acres of land out of the James P. Wallace Survey
    No. 57 and the John Applegate Survey. Requested by rep-      
    resentative for owner
    Requested by representative for owner

Councilman Nichols moved the Council introduce, order publish and set for
hearing at 10:30 A.M.

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

Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols
Noes: None
SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS RELEASED

Councilman Long offered the following resolution:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a certain easement was granted to the City of Austin for sanitary sewer purposes by instrument dated January 8, 1962, of record in Volume 2403 at Page 507 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, said easement being shown on maps or plats of Byram Addition, a subdivision of record in Book 40 at Page 22 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, and Chevy Chase Center/Austin, a subdivision of record in Book 43 at Page 32 of the Plat 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 release the hereinafter described portions of said easement are not now needed and will not be required in the future;

Now, Therefore,

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

That the Assistant to the City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the following described portions of said sanitary sewer easement, to-wit:

Two (2) strips of land, each being ten (10.00) feet in width and each being shown on maps or plats of Byram Addition, a subdivision of record in Book 40 at Page 22 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, and Chevy Chase Center/Austin, a subdivision of record in Book 43 at Page 32 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; the center line of each of the said strips of land ten (10.00) feet in width being more particularly described as follows:

NUMBER ONE, BEGINNING at a point in the curving south line of U.S. Highway 183, also known as Anderson Lane, said curve having an intersection angle of 22° 48', a radius of 2764.93 feet and a tangent distance of 557.51 feet, and from which point of beginning an iron pipe at the northeast corner of Lot 5, said Byram Addition, same being the northwest corner of Lot F, said Chevy Chase Center/Austin, bears N 40° 42' W 246.66 Feet;

THENCE, S 72° 02' W 325 Feet, more or less, to point of termination;

NUMBER TWO, BEGINNING at a point in the south line of Lot 6, said Byram Addition, from which point of beginning an iron pipe at the southwest corner of said Lot 6, same being the southwest corner of Lot F, said Chevy Chase Center/Austin, bears N 59° 46' W 240.09 feet and N 59° 48' W 83.13 feet;

THENCE, N 41° 49' W 243 feet, more or less to point of termination in the east line of the said sanitary sewer easement described as Number One in
said instrument of record in Volume 2403 at Page 507 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin
Noes: None

PARADE PERMITS

Councilman Long moved the Council approve the following parade requests:

(1) Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church - October 20, 1968, 2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

(2) Collegian for Mixon-Agnew - October 18, 1968, 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes
Noes: None

HEARING ON ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

It being 10:30 A.M., Mayor Akin opened the public hearing on the annexation ordinance scheduled for this time. No one appeared to be heard.

Councilman Nichols offered the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 18.64 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE THEODORE BISSEL LEAGUE IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Janes, LaRue
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Nichols moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Janes, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes, LaRue
Noes: None
The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISED BUS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

MR. FRANK DENIUS introduced members of the Austin Transit, Inc., and others interested in a local transit system—the regional manager, a driver, president and other officers of the local union; also the Vice President of the AMALGAMATED TRANSIT WORKERS' UNION. Mr. Denius requested that the Council call a public hearing to consider a rate adjustment he had filed with the City Manager. It is not to be confused with the proceeding this morning on the bus ordinance. He stated in regards to a bus ordinance, one of the main questions would relate to the grandfather clause. In other words what company would receive automatically a franchise without the necessity of providing convenience and necessity, speaking about companies other than Austin Transit. The problem is the ability of their competitors to choose the type of service they wish to render. He filed a report.

MR. DENIUS referred to the Exhibit attached to the application for rate change. If the Council was interested in the grandfather clause as pertained to picking up students at one particular location and transmitting them to the University Area, and from there to another point or destination. This is no longer that type of service, but a duplication of Austin Transit's service. The Bus is running on the same streets and on the same schedule that Austin Transit provides service, and he expressed opposition to any grandfather clause which would franchise a company to compete with them without minimum standards. This would be unfair competition to Austin Transit. Another point of importance to Austin Transit is this other company picks and chooses the routes they want to use. Councilman laRue recalled it was brought to the Council's attention in the past that Austin Transit at one time had offered this service referred to by Mr. Denius. Mr. Denius replied that Austin Transit did offer that service last year, but that service did not compensate them due to their were several busses running around town. He set out their problem that Austin Transit was running busses at times when the other people were not; and with the same routes and schedules for the convenience of the general public. It means that will increase their rates.

COUNCILMAN LONG announced there were some ladies present that wanted to testify. Mr. Denius, in yielding, stated Austin Transit provided special non-subsidized school bus service for schools. MRS. JANE WILLIAMS, 5412 Tipton Drive in the Crestwood Hills area, reported overcrowding in the busses, the children have to stand on the steps, and are often pushed against the front windshield. These are the standard Austin Transit Busses—not school busses. The mothers had been unable to get any satisfaction from the Bus Company. MRS. CHARLES GIBSON stated 42 children departed at Pierce Junior High, leaving 38 to go on to Reagan, meaning 80 children on a bus with a capacity of 40. The bus driver does not have proper visibility; and cannot discipline the children. She complained of children's standing in the isles. MR. CLYDE MALONE stated he would be glad to have 80 passengers on one bus. Even 80 on one bus would not pay for the morning run. This would mean only $3.00, and if they do not take in $12.00, they lose money. He stated the State statutes permitted one child per one seat on a bus would be permitted to stand; and they do not call the condition overcrowding if half of the students are standing. Most of their busses have 47 seats; some have 51—those, permitting 102 passengers. These busses are not charter busses, but especially for the convenience of the people.
MR. MALONE again emphasized this other bus’ operating over routes which he had been operating for years, being a duplication. His objection is to this other Company’s taking his routes, and his business since it started operating two years ago.

COUNCILMAN LONG discussed Austin Transit financing. Mr. Malone said they were entitled to make a profit out of operating these busses or they should not operate them. They were not overcrowding and taking chances, and he referred to their accident record in their school busses--only one in the past 10 or 12 years. For the children outside of the mile limit, the Schools operate some 15 or 20 school busses. Councilman Janes pursued the legal position about overcrowding; and if not, there was no need for the children standing against the windshield; unless the children were just not moving back when the driver asked them to. Mr. Malone reviewed their special bus operation up until 1964. He explained the problems of an indefinite number of riders on the morning rides. He suggested a flexibility on the rate. Mr. Denius read the State statute about the half fare for children 12 years and under. There is a question that school busses could set a higher rate. Mr. Denius stated they could improve their service if they could do what the other people were doing--experiment with schedules and routes, for a 60 day period subject to approval by the City, Chief of Police and Traffic Department.

Along with permission to experiment with schedules and routes, he proposed an ordinance amendment to permit them to file annually a rate change based on experience, providing financial information; and within a certain time the Council could, after hearing, approve it or disapprove it. With this flexibility, they could have better service. Their problem was competition siphoning off the cream. Councilman Long stated he would not want Austin Transit to have such flexibility where it would drop off its Sunday and Saturday routes and operate only for the cream either.

MR. DENIUS pointed out the last technical amendment to the ordinance (concerned streets under construction or blocked off, causing the bus to detour) would be permission to detour without violating the law at the time they had to go around the barricade.

Discussion was held on the School's contracting with a franchised holder providing bus service to children a mile from a bus line even though it would duplicate bus schedules. The Gilmer-Aikens law amended in 1965 allows school districts to contract with private bus companies and still be subsidized. Councilman Larue noted the Montopolis area is far enough out to meet this requirement, as there is no public transportation within a mile limit, and he would suspect the State was making a contribution.

MR. HUNTER, International Vice-President of the Amalgamated Transit Workers, was present in the interest of the employees of the Austin Transit Company; and in the proposed bus franchise ordinance if someone is going to operate under the prevailing wage in the area without fringe benefits, to point out the competition would not be on an equal basis.

MR. MORGAN NESBIT, representing Transportation Enterprise, stated after they and Austin Transit had met to come up with a draft that both could live by, he was
under the impression that Austin Transit Company had reluctantly acquiesced to the grandfather clause, but apparently they now oppose this clause. At the prior hearing a member of the University of Texas expressed interest in arrangements for students having a service from the Brackenridge area and apartments out there to the University and return. They approached Austin Transit who said they had provided this the last year but had lost money. Transportation Enterprises felt they could provide the service at a profit. This would be a specialized service for a special or limited class. The equipment operated and the service provided by Transportation Enterprises is a different operation and the service provided by the Austin Transit. Its operation developed and grew and is continuing to provide specialized services, especially for the students, not available from Austin Transit. He recalled the people's appearing at the previous hearing, testifying as to their use of Transportation Enterprise facilities, proving the company had provided a useful and needed role, and the company should be able to continue the service it is now providing. Councilman Nichols asked if any routes had been started since the inception of these hearings several weeks ago. Discussion covered the service from Brackenridge Apartments, picking up students from two apartment houses enroute, taking them to the University and returning them home. Mr. Nesbitt listed the bus discharge points—the Co-op, Littlefield Fountain, the Art Building and Health Center. Councilman Nichols stated the service indicated Brackenridge Apartments, Colorado Apartments, Deep Eddy Apartments, Tropicana, Quarter Deck, Lorraine Apartments, Governor Apartments, Deep Eddy, Miss Texas, and others. Councilman Nichols stated the present system could provide this service; and at the same time provide the pick-up and delivery service. Councilman Janes did not agree, stating a good case was made at the last hearing, in that it was more convenient to operate with Transportation Enterprise in some cases. One lady reported Austin Transportation had to charge $200 to transport a Bible School class, whereas the other group did it for $60.00. Mr. Nesbit pointed out Transportation Enterprises provided a minimum of comfort and operation at a lower cost to meet the need of the students. He stated also this company operated some routes under the Railroad Commission requirements. If the Council thought an ordinance were necessary, they had no objection to the draft before it now, but their whole purpose in the previous presentation and of their being here today was to try to continue what they are doing now.

COUNCILMAN JANES stated Transportation Enterprises can and has provided service that Austin Transit cannot do. On the other hand, he would not be willing to put Transportation Enterprise in the mass transportation business duplicating routes that Austin Transit is serving. Councilman LaRue recalled the Council had been shown by statements of a number of individuals, representing different walks of life that there was a need for this type of service provided by Transportation Enterprise. Mr. Malone objected to any kind of grandfather clause.

The Council decided to continue this matter three weeks. Mr. Nesbit said he was under the impression that the two attorneys had worked out something both could live with. The matter was continued to November 7, at 10:30 A.M.

RAT CONTROL

MISS ELAIN E DOHERTY, resident of the Govalle Section and the State Secretary of the New Party in Texas, read a statement asking why a city ordinance was
not enforced in East Austin pertaining to the dump on Webberville Road, across
the street from the Booker T. Washington Housing Project. She stated although
this had been brought to the attention of the Council and others no action had
resulted. She called attention to the rat problem, and the diphtheria epidemic
on the east side. Councilman Long stated the Council was concerned with the
people in East Austin; that they had complaints and doing its best to take care
of those problems. She pointed out the City was going into a Model City program,
was in Urban Renewal, and is giving free vaccine to the children to contain the
diphtheria epidemic; and that the particular area Miss Doherty had reported was
in the process of being cleaned up. Miss Doherty referred to the lot on the
north side of Lyons Avenue, Fiesta Lane, Govalle Avenue, and Webberville Road.
The City Manager reported the Health Department was working with the Housing
Authority; the Public Works Department and Sanitation crews are working also with
the residents of the Project on how to handle their garbage and trash and how to
eliminate the feeding places for the rodents. Councilman Long reported the
Health Department had made application for Federal funds for a rat eradication
program and she felt the Council was responsive and would get many of these
problems resolved. The City Manager stated the City was conscious of the problems
and assured Miss Doherty, the Health authorities, the Legal Staff and other dep-
ments are working on this particular location. This is not an unusual situa-
tion, as there are other locations throughout the entire community on vacant
property. Councilman Janes mentioned the Rat Eradication Training Program, and
noted that only 11 people attended. Miss Doherty stated she was not interested
in attending these meetings.

SUBSTANDARD HOUSE

(1) Mr. MAX BACHOLEN, whose house had been condemned at 400 Kemp Street,
asked for 90 days to repair the structure, even though had he about six months
already to do something about the substandard building. He said he lived there
part of the time, and the rest of the time in Carrizo Springs, raising bees.
The 90 day time limit recommended by the Building Standards Commission had expired.
Councilman LaRue suggested that action be deferred, give Mr. Bacholen 30 days,
and that the Building Official report what progress was under way; and at the end
of the 30 days the Council reconsider this. On Councilman LaRue's motion,
Councilman Long's second, the Council continued action on this case for 30 days,
asking at that time that Mr. Jordan, Building Official, bring in a recommendation.
Councilman Long suggested it be 30 days from October 18th.

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

Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols
Noes: None

(2) The City Manager received a communication from the Chief Building
Official concerning two substandard Houses on Red Bluff, 4903 A and B, Hugh F.
Kuehne and T. J. Rogers, Jr., stating a building permit had been issued, and
construction would be done as soon as possible, he recommended that the Council
not act on this; and if the repair is not made, he would bring the case back for
action. On Councilman Nichols' motion, Councilman Long's motion, the Council
voted that consideration of 4903 A and 4903 B, and Red Bluff be continued 30 days from October 18th.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin
Nees: None

Mayor Akin introduced the following:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

(3) 205 Salina (Unit B) Chester D. Brooks

Ninety days from July 10, 1968, to repair or demolish the structure, or to conform, and to clean the premises.

(4) 3202 S. Congress (rear) Walter Wukasch

Clean the premises immediately and given 120 days in which to repair or demolish the structure.

(5) 1911 Brackenridge John L. Costley

Close the unit to unauthorized personnel and clean the unit immediately, 120 days in which to repair or demolish the structure.

Councilman Nichols moved the Council uphold the recommendation of the Building Standards Commission.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes, LaRue
Nees: None

The Council recessed at 12:47 P.M.

RECESSSED MEETING

At 2:30 P.M. the Council resumed in Executive Session with the Brackenridge Hospital personnel.

The Council resumed its business in open session.

BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Mayor Akin introduced the following:
"Mr. R. M. Tinstman
City Manager
City of Austin, P. O. Box 10083
Austin, Texas 78767

Reference: Brackenridge Hospital Project

"Dear Mr. Tinstman:

"Construction of the Brackenridge Hospital project calls for the exposed structural frame and the exterior walls to be of cast-in-place concrete composed of white cement and crushed limestone aggregate. This is sandblasted to expose the aggregate and present an esthetically pleasing finish surface. Although this is not a new concept, its use is of fairly recent adaptation in noteworthy buildings in the United States.

"Construction of the initial portions of this white concrete clearly showed that serious problems existed in mixing and casting the concrete thus causing structural and esthetic deficiencies which could not be accepted nor repaired. Accordingly, the architects instructed the contractor to cease placing any more white concrete until these problems could be properly resolved.

"Both the contractor and the architects and engineers with the cooperation of city representatives have enlisted the advice and counsel of outstanding experts in the field of architectural concrete and have worked diligently with local testing laboratories in resolving the construction problems. The architects, engineers and contractor are now satisfied that these problems have been resolved and work can now proceed.

"This resolution of problems, however, has resulted in extensive delay in completing the project since progress in all phases of the general construction were dependent upon continuation of the concrete work. Accordingly, it is recommended that the contractor be given an extension of six months time to complete his contract work (the contract completion date thus becoming October 18, 1969, subject to other provisions of the contract); provided that in the interest of public need for additional hospital beds and as an added incentive to the contractor to expedite the work, an additional payment of $500 per day for a maximum of 60 days would be made for substantial completion of the work in a manner satisfactory to the Architect and Owner prior to the contract completion date. If, however, the contractor fails to substantially complete his work on or before the contract completion date, he will pay the Owner as liquidated damages the sum of $500 per day for each additional day required to satisfactorily complete his work, all in accordance with relevant provisions of his contract.

"If this recommendation is acceptable to you and the City Council, the contractor is prepared to resume work next Monday, October 21. A proper amendment to his contract will be drawn incorporating these recommendations as soon as you signify your approval."
Councilman Long offered the following resolution:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That the City Manager, R. M. Tinstman, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Austin a contract with the Citadel Construction Co., Inc., amending certain provisions of a contract existing between the City of Austin and the Citadel Construction Co., Inc., for the construction of Phase IA of the Brackenridge Hospital. (For extended time and other considerations in order to get the Brackenridge Hospital Project under way as soon as possible.)

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

PARADE PERMIT AMENDMENT

Councilman Long moved the Council subject to verification, vote to grant the amended route.

Mr. J. Stigler asked to amend the routes approved for the Collegian for Nixon-Agnew Parade (2:30 to 4:30 P.M.) to go through the College community since they were college students.

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

Ayes: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long
Noes: None

AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City Manager offered the following:

"Mr. R. M. Tinstman, City Manager
City of Austin
Post Office Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767

"PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
HOLLY STREET POWER STATION
UNIT NUMBER FOUR
OUR PROPOSAL PE-59

"Dear Sir:

"In accordance with your request during the City of Austin Council meeting of
October 10, 1968, this will confirm your verbal assurance that we are agreeable to a thirty-day extension beyond the expiration date stipulated in our proposal letter dated September 12, 1968. We do this with some degree of reluctance, since we have several proposals outstanding with other firms and utilities and may have to commit key personnel for some of these within the very near future.

"During the Council's discussion of our proposal October 10, the guaranteed maximum fee stated in our proposal letter was mentioned in the open meeting. Also, some members of the Council referred to the possibility of obtaining engineering proposals from other firms, presumably for comparative purposes. Since the monetary value in our proposal was mentioned during the open meeting, we believe it will be extremely difficult to assure the confidentiality of our proposal during the preparation of similar proposals by other firms.

"Since our proposal was prepared in response to a verbal request from your Electric Utility Department, we respectfully request that, in the event the Council decides to seek comparative proposals from other firms, we be provided a copy of the detailed written proposal invitation which we feel will undoubtedly be required to ensure that all firms respond on the basis of an identical scope of service required, work schedule, supplementary services, etc. In the event this invitation for proposal differs from our initial concept of the required services as set forth in our proposal submitted to you September 12, 1968, we would expect to revise our fee and submit a new proposal in accordance with the terms of reference then established.

"We appreciate the opportunity given us to appear before the Council October 10, to answer questions pertaining to our original proposal.

The City Manager submitted the following:

COMPARATIVE COST
TEXAS GAS FUEL, STEAM ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS

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*Date from: 1966 Steam-Electric Plant Construction Costs, Federal Power Commission Publication S-185*

Councilman LaRue moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an engineering contract with BROWN & ROOT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, for Holly Street Power Plant Unit 4.

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

Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Nichols
Nees: Councilman long

**REPORT REGARDING OPERATION OF FIESTA GARDENS**

(Continued from October 10)

The City Manager reported copies of the general memorandum had been furnished the Council. The purpose of the report is to present the considerations and obtain Council reaction and guidance as to those proposals which appear to be more desirable, and some indication of priority from the Council on its evaluation and judgement. The Council reviewed the items in the report.

The City Manager offered the following report:

"To: Mr. R. M. Tinstman

From: Fiesta Gardens

Subject: Recommendations for future operation of Fiesta Gardens

"Since operating Fiesta Gardens during the 1968 season, it has become necessary to project ideas that will further increase usage by the general public and to create a wholesome family entertainment center.

"FOOD OPERATION

"To be successful this facility which caters to the public should have a complete restaurant operation. This would tend to keep constant activity during the day and not create a lull during the noon and evening hours. Fiesta Gardens' location and physically layout would make it ideal for a Mexican food specialty establishment. Several changes will have to be made in the building itself to make this a profitable and workable building. The present office space could be revamped..."
and used for the kitchen. Some of the wooden beams supporting the roof have cracked and will need to be replaced. Also additional air conditioning is needed for the building. The estimated cost of the renovation is $12,000. In order to have complete control of the building and grounds, recommendation is that the city purchase and install all necessary equipment. The estimated cost for installing the complete kitchen is between $15,000 and $20,000.

"The restaurant should be operated on a seven (7) day year-round basis. Seasonal restaurants have considerable problems with respect to personnel, quality of food, and patronage from the general public. It is estimated that the city would receive $350 per month or 10% of the gross receipts, whichever is greater, for a three (3) year lease with the renewal of the lease to be renegotiated. When this operation had been established it is anticipated that revenue could reach $15,000 giving the city a $1,500 monthly rental. So that quality food will be served at the Gardens, it shall be necessary to select the restauranteers that will be given the opportunity to bid, if they so desire.

"Once the restaurant is in operation activities could be planned with the restau- rant operator and the city sharing the cost in order to stimulate business for Fiesta Gardens. Such activities could be Mariachi bands, several boat landings located on Town Lake to transport patrons to the restaurant and back, inexpensive fishing equipment for the children to fish, as well as the miniboats which we already have. The city would pay 30% of the advertising and the restauranteer would pay 70% as the city will be receiving revenue from the boat and train rides.

"PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS"

"With the boundaries of Fiesta Gardens as they are now, it is impossible to expand or add any type of attraction which would create return business. Also the continuous erosion of the north, west, and east banks is still a major problem. With this in mind, I would like to recommend acquiring whatever property necessary to move our fence-line a sufficient distance from the water so that we may be able to grade the land to a gentle slope thus eliminating the erosion problem. At the present time a study is being made of the lagoon and the degree of slope as to how much additional property would be required to complete this project. A subsequent report and sketch will follow with recommendations as soon as the information is complete.

"During the acquisition of additional land, consideration should be given to additional needs of Fiesta Gardens such as parking facilities north of the present boundaries to be used during bad weather and private parties when the attending people do not wish boat rides or the long walk from the main entrance.

"A large, well-designed, outside tropical garden would have great appeal to visitors. In this garden could be located fountains, reflection ponds, small citrus orchards, cotton, corn, watermelon, and strawberries; which, of course, would add to the things to do and see at Fiesta Gardens. Along with the installation of the new garden, name-plates will be placed on all of the plants presently in the gardens as well as any that will be added in the future. This garden could be built for approximately $7,500.

"As previously mentioned a train ride around Fiesta Gardens could be both picturesque and profitable. Information has been received on a gasoline powered, rubber
tired train. This train could be used on Fiesta Gardens' property itself as well as on the Hike and Bike Trail planned for Festival Beach. This could create an outstanding ride along the water's edge as well as a revenue producing and business stimulating piece of equipment. The purchase price is $7,400 complete with train two (2) cars, and canopies to accommodate 48 people. Fiesta Gardens' property at the present time is not large enough to accommodate this train, however, with time the acquisition of the additional land, the ride could be worked in with a minimum of expense. Plans for the construction of a barge suitable for private parties to cruise on Town Lake have been completed. This barge will be 50 feet long and 25 feet wide with a plastic canopy, dance floor, tables and chairs, and storage for beverages and food. A three (3) foot high handrail will be built, around the barge for safety. Power will be furnished by an outboard marine engine. A portable power plant will furnish electricity for lighting. This barge could accommodate 60 people for a dinner-dance. This should prove to be a very popular attraction to the general public. The complete cost of this unit is $7,500.

"PROJECTION OF REVENUE"

"The cost of the listed recommendations totals $54,400. For this amount the following revenue could be expected:

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<th>10% of $15,000 x 12 months</th>
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<td>Barge rental</td>
<td>75 rentals @ $40 net profit per trip</td>
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<td>City would receive 25% of beverage</td>
<td>Concession - estimated</td>
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<td>Train ride</td>
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<td>2,000 adults @ $.50</td>
<td>800 children @ $.25</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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"Amortizing the cost of the equipment over 5 years would give $10,880 yearly expense on the improvements or an estimated $12,820 profit yearly.

"SUMMARY OF PAST SEASON'S OPERATION"

"During our past 17 week operating season, 14 private parties were booked at Fiesta Gardens starting with the 11th Annual Home and Garden Show, April 26, through the Texas Employment Commission Party, August 23.

"The following revenues and attendance for the parties was:

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<th>Gate and Entry Fees</th>
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<td>14</td>
<td>28,562.00</td>
<td>$604.50</td>
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<td>1,742.15</td>
<td>2,328.75</td>
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The purpose of the report was to present the considerations and obtain Council reaction and guidance as to those proposals which appear to be more desirable, and some indication of priority from the Council on its evaluation and judgment. The City Manager asked about the priority of a train operation or barge. It was stated the barge would be the more attractive item now. Councilman LaRue suggested the operation of Fiesta Gardens should be oriented to local consumption rather than trying to attract people off the highway. He visioned Fiesta Gardens as a community asset rather than an attraction that would be a drawing card. Mr. Klich pointed out the disadvantages—parking, access, etc. Councilman Long pointed out the advantages, in that Fiesta Gardens was an unusual out-of-the-way place, where people would like to go; and she thought the barge, the boat rides, and a restaurant would add to a successful operation. Mayor Akin visualized the City's having to subsidize the operation beyond a point it had anticipated. The Council gave quite a bit of time to discussing the operation of Fiesta Gardens in its many facets. It was suggested to contact MAT MARTINEZ, Manager of Mexican Food Establishments, and invite him making a proposal. The Council suggested this be taken under advisement and report back.

ANNEXATION OF LAKE AUSTIN INN PROPERTY DISCUSSION

MR. CONRAD WERKENTHIN represented MR. MAURICE DOKES and the LAKE AUSTIN INN PROPERTY. The City Manager reviewed the annexation and the water and sewer matters. While the lake was lowered, there was consideration of extending water and sewer facilities to protect the water intake point for the new water plant. A request for annexation of this Lake Austin Property was made covering the property owned by MR. Maurice Dokes. Of course zoning is a consideration also. These matters were referred to the Planning, Water and Sewer, and Public Works Departments. Mr. Werkenthin had appeared before the Westlake Hills' City Council, but the jurisdictional question on annexation was not resolved. Mr. Werkenthin is requesting in part to proceed with annexation. Mr. Doren Eakew, the City Attorney, reviewed the possible litigation of the jurisdictional overlapping, explaining the mileage area of each city, proportion of population, and tracts under one ownership. The City Manager did not hesitate in recommending this annexation due to the extensive concern of the protection of the public water supply.

Councilman Long moved the Council introduce, order published and set for public hearing at 10:30 A.M., October 31st, the following annexation ordinance:

An 8.21 acre tract of land on Lake Austin.

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

Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols

Noes: None

CHARGES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

VITAL STATISTICS

DR. BEN PRIMER reviewed the report, recommending raising fees from $1.00 to $1.50 bringing the charge in line with the State's fee for registration birth
cards, now used in the schools rather than the birth certificates. Councilman Long inquired about the children in the poverty areas. The Health Officer stated in those schools where there are poverty children, the administrators call the Health Department and receive verification of age over the telephone.

The Mayor offered the following:

"Honorable Mayor and Members of the
City Council
City of Austin
Austin, Texas

"Gentlemen and Mrs. Long:

"The City-County Public Health Department has reviewed the fees and charges for the vital statistics, home nursing services, and physical therapist services, both in costs of rendering service and in relation to charges assessed by other cities.

"The analysis indicates that the charges are not covering the cost of rendering these services and are not in line with other cities. The following statistics will show a comparison:

1. VITAL STATISTICS

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<td>Registration Birth Cards</td>
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<td>Searching Fee</td>
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"This adjustment in fees is requested to bring the local fees in line with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics. The State Health Department has been using our proposed rate for several years.

Councilman Janes moved the approval of the recommended rate.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Janes, Long, Mayor Akin
Noes: Councilmen LaRue, Nichols

HOME NURSING SERVICES

The Mayor submitted the following:

2. HOME NURSING SERVICE (Includes Physical Therapist Service)

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<td>First Hour or Fraction</td>
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<td>For Every Additional 15 Min.</td>
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Physical therapist services in other cities are as follows:

- Fort Worth $6.00 per hour
- San Antonio 7.00 Per hour, $.50 each add'l 15 min.
- Houston 8.00 per hour, $1.00 " " " "
- Dallas 10.00 per hour

Non-profit nursing
Service in New Med Arts Tower, Austin $10.00 per visit

"These changes are requested not to provide additional revenue, but to cover the increased cost of nursing and physical therapy services following increases in salaries, travel, and other expenses. Medicare and Medicaid will pay for those patients that qualify for the program. Increase in revenue based on the proposed rates is estimated at $5,000.

"It is recommended that the proposed rates be approved. Should you have any question, please contact this office.

Councilman Nichols moved the approval of the recommended rate.

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

Ayes: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue
Noes: Councilman Long

HOSPITAL SERVICE CHARGES AND MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY BILLING PROCEDURES

The Finance Director reported the contract with Medicare requires an intermediary; and in this State, it is Ernest & Ernest. The City is eligible for reimbursement for Medicare bullings related to 100% of the cost. The Federal Government intends to reimburse the cost of the service without relating it to any profit. It is not associated to the Hospital's making a profit on Medicare but to stand ready to reimburse the costs, subject to audit which they do at the end of the year. Brackenridge Hospital has a departmental cost method already set up, allocating administrative costs, etc., on different bases, and an excellent job has been achieved in this cost accounting. Costs are also allocated on square footage, on census and many different methods. Some services of the hospital are not eligible for Medicare, and those departments are not included in the accounting. He also explained the option available to the Hospital, approaching the method from averages, and gave examples for clarification. He explained the City, by regulation, can figure its costs by either of the two methods and take the method that is most advantageous to the City.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"TO: R. M. Tinstman, City Manager
"FROM: Norman Mck. Barker, Director of Finance
"SUBJECT: Medicare Cost Reimbursement

"Under the current medicare program, a participating hospital is reimbursed for the cost of services provided to medicare patients under one of two formulas used for allocating costs. These formulas are:
"1. Departmental Method

"2. Combination Method

"The hospital management may change from one formula to the other; provided that a request is made to the medicare intermediary before the end of the first month of the period for which the change is to be applied and that the request is approved.

"Brackenridge Hospital has used the Departmental Method since the inception of the medicare program. It appears that the Combination Method might yield more reimbursement funds to the City. One factor to be taken into consideration in making a decision on whether to request a change to the Combination Method is the pending request to the City Council for rate changes at Brackenridge Hospital. A decision on that request before October 25th would help this office and Brackenridge Hospital in that making a determination as to which method would be likely to be more advantageous for the City of Austin in the 1968-69 fiscal year.

"TO: R. M. Tinstman, City Manager
"FROM: Ben Tobias
"SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

"Attached is a summary of the proposed increases for Brackenridge Hospital. This supersedes the memo dated August 12, 1968, listing proposed increases recommended. The proposed rates also include a change deleting the increase in the Delivery Room charge and instead establishing a Labor Room charge of $34 comparable to the private room charge.

"The other charges are the same as previously recommended for your consideration.

"The gross income from these rate increases will still approximate $981,470. Based on past experience for eleven (11) months the Private charges will amount to 59.2%, Medicare charges 21.9%, and Staff charges 18.9%, totaling 100.0%. A breakdown on the $981,470 would be as follows:

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<td>Medicare</td>
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<td>Staff</td>
<td>18.9%</td>
<td>$185,498</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
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PROPOSED INCREASES, NOVEMBER 1, 1968

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<td>ICU</td>
<td>10.00</td>
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OTHER INCREASES

| Labor Room | --- | --- | $34.00 |
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

TO: R. M. Tinsman, City Manager
FROM: Ben Tobias, Hospital Administrator
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

"As a follow-up to our meeting of August 12, 1968, the information you requested is provided.

"In the past the practice of the City has been for the Hospital to cover the expenses of patient service by charges to the patients. An exception was made in the Fiscal Year Budget of 1966-1967 when the Council approved the budget message which indicated that ..."total charges including charity and uncollected accounts next year will be approximately $292,000 less than operating expenses, and to that extent the taxpayers will subsidize the private patients who should be paying their own way..."

"Since that time there have been increases in expenses and proportionate increases in charges. On December 22, 1967, the "across-the-board" increase in pay was given to City Employees with the hospital also included. However, there was no increase in charges because it was thought the Sales Tax revenue would offset the increased expense.

"Now it appears that in 1968-1969 the difference between revenue (cash received) and total hospital expenses will be $3,010,165. This amount includes expenses for charity, education, and some revenue reserve.

"Revenue Reserve is related to private service and is expected to increase as charges increase but private patients are not paying for Revenue Reserve 100%. The effectiveness of collections has a lot to do with Revenue Reserve; however, people who are just above the clinic scale may not be able to pay for hospital care.

"The daily service charges shown below at the other three major general hospitals in the community are in effect or will be effective this month:

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<th>HOLY CROSS</th>
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<td>29.00</td>
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"If the City of Austin absorbs some of the Revenue Reserve, the Staff allowances and educational expense, the patients' charges can be maintained on a comparable community level with the other hospitals. If not, then the Brackenridge rates will need to be increased more than is even proposed now."
The budget for 1968-1969 of Brackenridge Hospital East shows proposed operating expense to be $161,990 and gross charges to patients of $118,850, leaving a difference of $43,140. The proposed increase in daily service charges would produce $36,900 and cover the actual cost because of the variables in patient load and the ability to secure personnel staffing.

In discussing Brackenridge East, Councilman Long asked that the rates be scaled down, but she would like to see Brackenridge East left at $19.00 a day instead of $25.00, as that was excessive for the services rendered. The Hospital Administrator, Mr. Tobias, stated if the volume were up, the price could be $19.00; but based on the volume now, the rate needs to be increased.

"After a complete, detailed discussion of the report Councilman Janes moved the Council accept the recommendation of the administrator.

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

Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes, LaRue
Noes: Councilman Nichols, Long

The City Manager submitted the following:

"TO: R. M. Tinstman
"FROM: S. Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works
"SUBJECT: Manchaca Bridge at Williamson Creek

"The Manchaca Road bridge was completed on October 11th by Miller Concrete Contractors and a very excellent job was done.

"There is an overrun however in the measured final quantities over the estimated quantities as bid in the original contract.

"The overrun consisted mainly of an error in figuring estimated bid quantities, additional channel excavation and structural concrete due to rock foundation on east side being found deeper than anticipated and raising curb height from 6" to 9".

"Following is an itemized list of items with explanation.

"ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE $54,987.95

ITEM

2. Rock bottom on east end of bridge found at lower elev. than shown on plans. Additional excavation needed to clean channel.

Channel Excavation 741 CY @ $1.15 = $852.15
Total $852.15

3. Rock foundation under walls on east end of bridge found lower than shown on plans.
5. **Error in figuring estimated quantity for bid item.**

- Low over plan dimensions: 72.05 CY @ $51.55 = $3,714.18
- Wing walls added to retain banks, improve channel area and reduce rip-rap required: 19.0 CY @ $51.55 = $979.45
- Filling holes under 6 walls where gas line was removed from rock trench: 2.0 CY @ $51.55 = $103.10

6. **Added depth of 7 walls to rock foundation**

- Replacement of 2 sections of old walls 7'x15'x2' not usable in new structure: 15.6 CY @ $51.55 = $804.18

7. **Total overruns of item 5**

- 127.5 CY @ $51.55 = $6,572.13

6. **Reinforcing steel in additional walls**

- 9196 lbs @ $0.115 = $1,057.54

9. **Metal Flex. Beam added by addendum**

- 12 LF @ $4.00 = $48.00

14. **10" Crushed stone base**

- 87 SY @ $1.25 = $108.75

**UNDERRUNS**

4. **Compacted roadway fill**

- 123 CY @ $2.10 = $258.30

7. **Rip Rap**

- 20 CY @ $50.00 = $1,000.00

**Total underruns**

- $1,258.30

**ADDITIONAL WORK**

- Removal of 2 existing wall sections not usable in new structure: **Lump Sum** $300.00

- Add 48 SY sidewalk topping to change from 6" curb heights to 9" curb height, labor and material: $765.15
"Raise remaining 120 SY sidewalk 3" to change to 9" curb height, labor and material $ 241.50

"Use high early strength cement in last 2 spans poured to provide earlier opening to traffic 87.75 CY @ $ 1.50  $ 131.62

"Break up existing concrete road slab beyond north end of bridge, dragline ball and operator 2 HRS @ $ 35.00 $ 70.00

Total Additional Works $ 1,508.27

"Net amount of overruns, underruns and additional work $ 9,354.42

"Amount of Contract with changes $64,342.37

The City Manager reported there was an overrun in the measured final quantities over the estimated quantities as bid in the original contract. The overrun consisted mainly of an error in figuring estimated bid quantities, additional channel excavation and structural concrete due to rock foundation on east side being found deeper than anticipated and raising curb height from 6" to 9". He submitted an explanation on the contractor. The net amount of overruns, underruns and additional work amounted to $90,354.42, and the amount of contract with changes was $64,342.37.

Councilman Long moved the Council approve the payment of the overrun.

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

Ayes: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long
Noes: None

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO I.M. & M. SLOPE RUNNER

The City Manager submitted the following:

"TO: R. M. Tinstman, City Manager
"FROM: Donald L. Stence, Supt. of Parks
"SUBJECT: Purchase of Slope Mower Tractor for Electric Department
"ATTENTION: Jim DeBerry

"As your office has requested, the following information is offered for consideration in justifying the purchase of the subject tractor and mower for the Electric Department.

"The Parks and Recreation Department has only one tractor and mower which is used in maintaining areas having critical slopes. This mower operates on the principle of a mower on an extension boom which can be extended to thirty feet. As this mower is presently used full time during regular working hours, as well as overtime on occasion, an additional extension boom-type slope mower is planned for purchase
The slope mover tractor, which the Electric Department desires to purchase for maintenance of the Decker Lake Dam, operates on a completely different principle than the extension boom-type slope mover owned by this department. The tractor itself operates on the slope. Because of the width of the dam, the slope could not be maintained with the extension boom-type slope mover. This department has considered the purchase of slope mover tractor similar to that desired by the Electric Department for maintenance of bridge approaches and steep hillssides on street right-of-ways and in creek and drainage areas. We feel, however, that the tractor with the extension boom best fulfills our needs since there are very few areas which cannot be reached with the boom mover.

I presently see no other effective alternative for the Electric Department than to purchase the tractor slope mover. In the event that this mover is not used full time to maintain the critical slopes along the dam, it could be used in mowing flat areas as available. I feel it would also be an asset for our department to have access to such equipment in the Decker Lake Park area.

There are approximately 3790 acres under city fence in the Decker Tract. Of this acreage the lake which has a shore line of 16.1 miles occupies 1269 acres.

The submerged area of approximately 2521 acres will require mowing. Of the area to be moved there are about 40½ acres on slopes which are so steep that they can only be moved with a special slope type tractor mover.

The City Manager submitted the following:

TO: R. M. Tinstman, City Manager
FROM: D. C. Kinney, Director Electric Utility
SUBJECT: Purchase of Tractor Mower

I recommend the award be made to I.M. & M., Inc. for one (1) Slope Runner Tractor Mower and Accessories in the net amount of $9,027.96.

TO: Tinstman, R. M., City Manager
FROM: B. J. Bonds, Purchasing Agent
SUBJECT: Purchase of Slope Runner Tractor - Electric Department

The Electric Department has need for a tractor-mower that is capable of moving the vegetation at the Decker Creek Dam site.

There is only one known manufacturer of equipment capable of operating safely on the steep slopes at this site, Slope Tractor, Incorporated, Harper, Kansas. This firm arranged for a demonstration at Decker Creek Dam which apparently was very successful.

The estimated cost of this complete unit is $9,000.00. I propose to forward specifications based on this brand to the manufacturer, distributor and all local tractor dealers.

The attached memorandum from Mr. J. C. Blankenship and the brochure on the "Slope Runner" Tractor-Mower are for your information.

TABULATION OF BIDS

TRACTOR MOWER
Sealed bids were opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 11:00 A.M., October 14, 1968 for one (1) Tractor Mower and Accessories suitable for mowing on steep slopes.

The attached copy indicates the firms that were invited to bid.

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<th>BIDDER</th>
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<td>Slope Tractor, Inc.</td>
<td>Slope Runner</td>
<td>$8,194.82</td>
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<tr>
<td>I. M. &amp; M., Inc.</td>
<td>Slope Runner</td>
<td>8,027.96</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rotary Power, Inc.</td>
<td>Shur-Foot</td>
<td>9,408.76</td>
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Councilman Janes offered the following resolution:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on October 14, 1968, for the purchase of one (1) Tractor Mower and Accessories suitable for mowing on steep slopes; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of I. M. & M., Inc., in the sum of $8,027.96, was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid 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 bid of I. M. & M., Inc., in the sum of $8,027.96, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that R. K. Tinsman, City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City, with I. M. & M., Inc.

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

Ayes: Councilman Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin
Noes: None

CONTRACT ON HIGH VOLTAGE CIRCUIT SWITCHERS

The City Manager submitted the following:

"Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
"City of Austin
"Austin, Texas

"Subject: Anticipated Purchases - Electric Utility Equipment

"Gentlemen and Mrs. Long:

"You will each find attached copies of two reports from the Purchasing Agent indicating the anticipated difficulty as well as our concern and efforts in obtaining sufficient competitive bids on circuit switchers and also conductor puller tensioners.

"Should you have any questions or suggestions following your review of these reports, please do not hesitate to contact us. In addition, please be assured that
TO: R. M. Tinstman, City Manager
FROM: B. J. Bonds, Purchasing Agent
SUBJECT: Purchase of two (2) Circuit Switchers Electric Department

I would like to offer the following information concerning the purchase of two (2) Circuit Switchers as discussed recently with you, Mr. C. D. Kinney and Mr. R. L. Hancock.

The Circuit Switchers will be used at Summit Substation for the protection of the transformer switchgear unit. This protection may be obtained by the use of circuit switchers or power circuit breakers. The estimated unit cost of circuit switchers is $12,000.00 and the estimated unit cost of power circuit breakers is $34,000.00.

At the present time there is only one known manufacturer of circuit switchers; therefore, there is a possibility of receiving only one bid for these units. We plan to proceed with requests for bids from all known manufacturers of this general type of electrical equipment with the bid opening date in approximately three weeks.

FROM: B. J. Bonds, Purchasing Agent
SUBJECT: Bids on Circuit Interpreting Device for Summit Substation Inquiry No. 6403 X

Bids were opened by the Purchasing Agent at 10:30 A.M., October 9, 1968, for two high voltage circuit interpreting devices and sent to the Electric Department for evaluation and recommendation.

There is no price history of bids comparable to this one.

Payment is to be made from current funds if available, or authorized bond funds in the 1969 Fiscal Year and charged to account number 81136200.

This interpreting device will be used for the protection of the transformer switchgear unit at Summit Substation located in Northwest Austin near the IBM plant.

The bids are tabulated below:

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<th>VENDOR</th>
<th>PRICE</th>
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<td>S &amp; C Electric Co.</td>
<td>$23,780.50</td>
<td>20 Weeks</td>
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<td>Jbslyn Mfg. &amp; Supply Co.</td>
<td>31,264.00</td>
<td>22-24 Weeks</td>
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<td>Jbslyn Mfg. &amp; Supply Co., Alt. Bid</td>
<td>25,850.00</td>
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Bidders quoted a firm price, terms net 30 days with S & C Electric Co. also including a cash discount of $ of 1% within 10 days; discounted price is shown above in the tabulation.
"The estimated cost of these devices was $24,000.

"I recommend that we accept the low bid of S & C Electric Company for $23,780.50.

Councilman Long brought up discussion on the circuit breaker. It was pointed out these are automatic switches that transfer the current to another circuit; and this is an automatic switch rather than an automatic break in the line. This is more selective and sophisticated.

Councilman Janes moved the Council accept the bids and the following resolution:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on October 9, 1968, for the purchase of two (2) Circuit Switchers for the Electric Department to be located at Summit Substation; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of S & C Electric Company, in the sum of $23,780.50, was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid 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 bid of S & C Electric Company, in the sum of $23,780.50, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that R. M. Tinsman, City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City, with S & C Electric Company.

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

Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols
Nees: None

CONTRACT FOR THREE EACH 6,000 POUND PULLER TENSIONERS

The City Manager submitted the following:

"Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Austin
Austin, Texas

"Subject: Anticipated Purchases - Electric Utility Equipment

"Gentlemen and Mrs. Long:

"You will each find attached copies of two reports from the Purchasing Agent indicating the anticipated difficulty as well as our concern and efforts in obtaining sufficient competitive bids on circuit switchers and also conductor puller tensioners.

"Should you have any questions or suggestions following your review of these reports, please do not hesitate to contact us. In addition, please be assured that we shall be making every reasonable and diligent effort to encourage additional competitive bids."
TABULATION OF BIDS

"Sealed bids were opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 P.M., October 9, 1968, for three (3) 6,000 pound Puller-Tensioners for the Electric Department.

The attached copy indicates the firms that were invited to bid.

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<td>Pengo Hydra-Pull Corporation</td>
<td>$26,509.00</td>
<td>$79,527.00</td>
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Councilman LaRue moved that the following resolution be accepted:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on October 9, 1968, for the purchase of three (3) 6,000 pound Puller-Tensioners for the Electric Department and;  
WHEREAS, the bid of Pengo Hydra-Pull Corporation, in the sum of $79,527.00, was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid 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 bid of Pengo Hydra-Pull Corporation, in the sum of $79,527.00, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that R. M. Tinstman, City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City, with Pengo Hydra-Pull Corporation.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes  
Noes: None

REFUND CONTRACT

The City Manager submitted the following:

"Date: October 11, 1968  
"Requested by: Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.  
"Department: Water and Sewer Department  

"Point West of Westover Hills - c8-66-45  
Owner: Westover Hills, Incorporated  
Location: Mesa Drive & Point West Drive  
Size: 10.01 Acres  
Number of Lots: 27  
Average lot Size: 85' x 125'  
Type Subdivision: Residential  
Classification: Urban  

Amount of Utility Refund Contract No. 690 - $37,463.53
Acceptance Dates for Utilities:
Water and Sewer Mains: October 31, 1967
Contractor Paid in Full: November 30, 1967
Paving: October 10, 1968
Drainage: None Required

"Water Mains:
82132201 $19,902.80
82132300 1,705.20
82132500 420.00

"Sewer Mains:
83132100 13,476.13
83132300 1,959.20

"Total of Water Mains: $22,028.00
& Sewer Mains: 15,435.53
TOTAL $37,463.53

Councilman Long moved the following resolution be accepted:

(RESOLUTION)

"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH WESTOVER HILLS, INCORPORATED, FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

"SECTION 1. That the Assistant ot the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a certain contract with Westover Hills, Incorporated, for the installation of certain water mains and sanitary sewer mains in Point West of Westover Hills, and further providing for a refund to Westover Hills, Incorporated of a portion of such cost; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to mark a copy of such contract for the purpose of identification and to file such contract in the office of the City Clerk without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council or the Ordinance Records of the City.

"SECTION 2. That upon receipt by the City of Austin of the sum of $37,463.53 to be deposited with the City, the sum of $22,028.00 be, and it is hereby appropriated to the Current Construction Work in Progress Account for Water Utility Improvements, and the sum of $15,435.53 be, and it is hereby appropriated to the Current Construction Work in Progress Account for Sewer Utility Improvements.

"SECTION 3. An emergency being apparent for the preservation of the safety, health and general welfare of the public requires that this Ordinance go into effect immediately, and it is therefore ordained that it shall be effective from the date of its passage as provided by the Charter of the City of Austin.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue
Noes: None
ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 610 EAST 8TH
FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT USE

The City Manager stated the long range expansion of the Police Headquarters
called for the acquisition of this property at 610 East 8th Street, and other
property to the west on Sabine. Councilman LaRue emphasized the need for this
land, as it is hard to explain to an irate citizen that a long overparked car can-
not be moved off the street, as there was no place to take it. The Council de-
ferred action on this purchase until the following week.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR CANVAS OF RETURNS
OF ELECTION HELD ON OCTOBER 19

Councilman LaRue moved the Council call a special session for the purpose
of canvassing the returns of the election held on October 19th, at 10:00 A.M.,
Monday, October 21.

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

Ayes: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long
Noes: None

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAXED FOR THAT PURPOSE

Councilman Long stated the City Tax Department had assessed the Oak Hill
properties for school purposes, calling attention to a State law exempting farm
property where the farmer is receiving the most of his income from his farm.
Councilman LaRue suggested setting a policy and advising those people who are in
the farming business about this situation. There are not too many tracts that
will be taxed for agricultural purposes. The City Manager stated he would if
liked discuss this with Mr. Klitgaard and get letters out to those people about
their legislation.

DELINEATION OF POWERS AS SET
OUT IN THE CHARTER

Councilman LaRue brought up a question emanating from articles in the
newspaper touching on the realm of operation of powers between the executive
Branch and Legislative Branch. In regard to the audit of certain Corporation
Court records. For clarification he asked if the Council authorized the City
Manager to correlate what takes place at the Police and Courts Building; and if
so, does this include the suggestion or direction to the Corporation Court Clerk.
This is a grave area, the City Manager said according to his notes, the motion was
to instruct the City manager to have the City Auditor to make this audit of the
records of the Corporation Court on certain items: tickets processed, pending,
dismissed, and by category. Councilman LaRue said after checking the motion, he
was not lead to believe that this was the request of the Council that the City
Manager give direction to the Corporation Clerk. The City Manager stated the
Auditor works for the City Manager, and he would have hated to step in between the
Council and its other appointees—the Clerk of the Corporation Court. The City
Manager said he contacted the Chief Clerk to discuss the matter relating to what
the Council wished to have done, and to seek his cooperation with the City Auditor
in carrying out this Audit. He would have preferred an outside auditor rather than
an employee under his direction, as he was responsible to the Council. Council-
man LaRue, referring again to the news report, stating it was indicated Mr. Hill
was requested not to divulge this information before it was given to the Council.
It was stated by the City Manager the records had to be established in a fixed
non-changing position while the audit was being done, and he had attempted to
assure the news media that the audit would be publicly submitted back to the
Council in a normal routine fashion, and there had been confusion over this. It
was out of courtesy to the Corporation Clerk that he had informed him of the
Council's request before the Auditor went down to start working. Councilman
Nichols stated the City Manager did the right thing.

Councilman LaRue emphasized that the areas of responsibility must be de-
clined carefully, so the citizens would be able to determine at a future date the
areas of responsibility. Councilman Long inquired how Chief Miles was involved in
this, according to the paper. The City Manager stated it was necessary to get the
number of tickets issued in order to have a starting point on the audit—how many
tickets were outstanding, etc. There would have to be coordinating between the
Police Department's having tickets printed and issued, and reporting and turning
the records over to the Corporation Court. Councilman LaRue stated this was in
keeping with good policy, he was sure, but the chain of command should still be
maintained absolutely. He wanted to make his position thoroughly clear that the
City Manager has his responsibility laid down in the Charter, and the Council
does also.

Councilman LaRue moved that the Council vote to request the Chief Clerk
of the Corporation Court to cooperate with the City Auditor.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Janes, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Nichols, LaRue, Long, Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes
Noes: None

VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AMENDED

Councilman Long moved the Council pass an ordinance on all three readings
amending seven voting precinct boundaries.

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 650311-B CONFORMING THE
BOUNDARIES OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO THE
BOUNDARIES OF THOSE VOTING PRECINCTS OF TRAVIS COUNTY WHICH
ARE WITHIN THE CITY; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDIN-
ANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWIT; 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 LaRue, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols
Noes: None

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 LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

TAX APPEALS

Councilman LaRue moved the Council vote the tax appeals be set for November 7th at 2:30 P.M.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin
Noes: None

ORDINANCE DECLARING NECESSITY TO PAVE

The City Manager introduced the following:

"TO: S. Reuben Routree, Jr., Department of Public Works
"FROM: Norman McK. Booker, Director of Finance
"SUBJECT: Ordinance declaring the necessity for and ordering improvements to streets shown below.

"This project to be known as Contract No. 68-A-20 consisting of fifteen units.

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<td>Duval Street</td>
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<td>68-16</td>
<td>Treadwell Street</td>
<td>EPL South Lamar Blvd.</td>
<td>A point 286' east of EPL South Lamar Blvd.</td>
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The Mayor introduced the ordinance:


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 LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue
Noes: None

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 LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilman Janes
Noes: None

The Council adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

APPROVED

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cost. City Clerk