

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

November 14, 1968  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Akin presiding.

Roll call:

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

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

The Mayor welcomed all those present.

Invocation was delivered by REVEREND KEITH FOX, Hope Lutheran Church.

CAPITAL AREA BYLAWS

Councilman Long moved the Council adopt the revised bylaws of the Capital Area Council of Governments as presented by Mr. David Barrow. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

BUS FRANCHISE HEARING

Councilman Long moved the Council continue the hearing on the BUS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE until next week. The motion, seconded by Councilman Janes, carried by the following vote:

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

ANNEXATIONS SET FOR HEARING

December 5, 1968

Mayor Akin introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN  
BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXA-  
TION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF

(1) 434.11 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE JAMES BURLESON AND PHILIP McELROY LEAGUES; (2) 45.67 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE T. J. CHAMBERS GRANT AND THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY; AND (3) 13.51 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY, ALL LOCATED 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.

Councilman Janes moved the ordinance be published in accordance with Article I, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin and set for public hearing at 10:30 A.M., December 5, 1968. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Akin introduced 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 27.42 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE WILLIAM CANNON LEAGUE AND THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT, LOCATED 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.

Councilman Janes moved the ordinance be published in accordance with Article I, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin and set for public hearing at 10:30 A.M., December 5, 1968. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Akin introduced 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 (1) 4.13 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE HENRY P. HILL LEAGUE AND THE CHARLES RIDDLE SURVEY; (2) 267.67 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF THE ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE AND THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT; (3) 16.65 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE J. C. TANNEHILL LEAGUE; (4) 63.89 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF THE JAMES MITCHELL

SURVEY AND THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NUMBER 18;  
(5) 186.71 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A  
PART OF THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NUMBER 57, THE  
J. C. TANNEHILL LEAGUE, AND THE J. A. G. BROOKS,  
WILLIS AVERY, JOHN APPELGATE AND H. T. DAVIS SURVEYS;  
(6) 77.02 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF THE SANTIAGO  
DEL VALLE GRANT; (7) 64.29 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT  
OF THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NO. 18; (8) 221.86 ACRES  
OF LAND OUT OF THE ISAAC DECKER AND WILLIAM CANNON LEAGUE;  
(9) 36.84 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF  
THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT; (10) 150.21 ACRES OF LAND,  
SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE WILLIAM CANNON LEAGUE;  
(11) 166.02 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF THE SANTIAGO  
DEL VALLE GRANT; (12) 45.65 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT  
OF AND A PART OF THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY; AND (13)  
103.08 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF THE JOHN APPELGATE  
SURVEY AND THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NO. 57, ALL OF WHICH  
ARE LOCATED 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.

Councilman Janes moved the ordinance be published in accordance with  
Article I, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin and set for public  
hearing at 10:30 A.M., December 5, 1968. The motion, seconded by Councilman  
LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Akin introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN  
BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXA-  
TION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF  
123.69 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING TWO (2) TRACTS OF  
LAND OUT OF AND A PART OF THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT  
AND THE ISAAC DECKER 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.  
(Night Hawk)

Councilman Janes moved the ordinance be published in accordance with  
Article I, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin and set for public  
hearing at 10:30 A.M., December 5, 1968. The motion, seconded by Councilman  
LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

## CONTRACTS AWARDED

The City Manager submitted the following:

"Awarding of the contract for the construction of storm sewer: Miriam Avenue (East 16th to East 17th), East 17th (Miriam Avenue to Ulit Avenue), Ulit Avenue (East 17th northerly 240 feet), Contract 68-D-19, as per tabulation of bids below. Bids were received on November 5, 1968.

"J. C. Evans Construction Company, Inc.	\$6,649.10
Ed H. Page	7,546.50
Robert C. Gray Construction Company	8,134.55
Miller's Concrete Contractors	8,162.22
Jack A. Miller, Inc.	8,502.50
Bill Tabor	14,103.00
City's estimate	8,395.50

"I recommend that J. C. Evans Construction Company, Inc., with their low bid of \$6,649.10 be awarded the contract for this project."

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on November 5, 1968 for the construction of storm sewers in Miriam Avenue (East 16th to East 17th), East 17th (Miriam Avenue to Ulit Avenue), and Ulit Avenue (East 17th northerly 240 feet), being Contract 68-D-19; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of J. C. Evans Construction Company, Inc., in the sum of \$6,649.10, was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works 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 J. C. Evans Construction Company, Inc. in the sum of \$6,649.10, 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 J. C. Evans Construction Company, Inc.

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"NORTHFAIR VILLAGE WATER MAIN. Sealed bids were received until 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 6, 1968, for the installation of 1,618 feet of 8-inch cast iron water main in Northfair Village. The purpose of this project is to provide extension of water services to proposed and existing commercial businesses.

"The following is a tabulation of bids received:

"FIRM	AMOUNT	WORKING DAYS
Walter Schmidt Construction Company	\$15,284.70	40
Bland Construction Company	15,374.50	40
J. E. Skeen Construction Company	15,779.00	40
Bill Tabor Construction Company	17,769.80	30
Capitol City Utilities	18,398.30	35
Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated	19,525.20	60
J. C. Evans Construction Company	21,342.30	40
Austin Engineering Company	28,115.00	60
City of Austin (Estimate)	\$12,303.00	-

"It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Walter Schmidt Construction Company on their low bid of \$15,284.70 with 40 working days.

s/ Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.  
Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.  
Director Water and Waste Water Department"

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on November 6, 1968, for the installation of 1,618 feet of 8-inch cast iron water main in Northfair Village; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Walter Schmidt Construction Company, in the sum of \$15,284.70, was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Water and Waste Water Department 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 Walter Schmidt Construction Company, in the sum of \$15,284.70, 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 Walter Schmidt Construction Company.

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"WATER AND SEWER MAINS FOR NORTHLAND DRIVE. Sealed bids were received until 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 6, 1968, for the installation of 1,675 feet of 24-inch concrete steel cylinder water main in Great Northern Boulevard and 2,527 feet of 24-inch concrete steel cylinder water main, 1,144 feet of 12-inch concrete sanitary sewer main, 74 feet of 8-inch concrete sanitary sewer main

in Northland Drive. The purpose of this project is the relocation of water and sanitary sewer mains in Northland Drive for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Overpass and to improve the North Austin water distribution system.

"The following is a tabulation of bids received:

"FIRM	AMOUNT	WORKING DAYS
Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated	\$129,209.00	195
Bland Construction Company	135,162.35	120
Walter Schmidt Construction Company	139,624.55	140
J. C. Evans Construction Company, Inc.	147,726.15	120
United Contracting Company (Addicks, Texas)	165,173.30	120
J. E. Skeen Construction (Houston, Texas)	178,338.45	120
Austin Engineering Company	199,121.80	250
City of Austin (Estimate)	\$150,449.00	-

"It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated on their low bid of \$ 129,209.00 with 195 working days.

s/ Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.  
Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.  
Director Water and Waste Water Department"

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on November 6, 1968, for the installation of 1,675 feet of 24-inch concrete steel cylinder water main in Great Northern Boulevard and 2,527 feet of 24-inch concrete steel cylinder water main, 1,144 feet of 12-inch concrete sanitary sewer main, 74 feet of 8-inch concrete sanitary sewer main in Northland Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated, in the sum of \$129,209.00, 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 Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated.

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"The following listed bids were opened for ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AUSTIN CHILDREN'S CLINIC on November 5, 1968 at 2 p.m. at the Construction Engineering Office.

"Bidder	Base Bid	Alt. #1	(Calendar Days) Completion Time
G & M Construction Company	\$15,025.00	\$1,154.00	120
Canyon Construction Company	\$15,994.00	\$1,028.00	110
Floyd Gibson Construction Co.	\$17,068.00	\$1,097.00	120

"Since the time of bidding, we have been negotiating with the lowest bidder, G & M Construction Company, in an effort to reduce the price in order to meet as nearly as possible the agreement we had with the Health Department concerning the cost of this project which was to have been \$11,500.00.

"We have arrived at changes involving 17 different items which will make the addition more nearly the same kind of construction as is found in the existing facility.

"These negotiations which still include air conditioning of the entire clinic have brought us to a figure of \$12,046.00.

"The changes have been discussed with Dr. Fisher at the Clinic and Dr. Primer, and they have approved the changes.

"The Alternate Bid #1 shown in the tabulation of bids was for the painting of the existing clinic, both exterior and interior. This of course is not included in either the base bid or the negotiated price.

"We join with Dr. Primer in recommending the award of this contract to G & M CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, lowest bidder, at the negotiated price of \$12,046.00.

"A.M. Eldridge  
Construction Engineering"

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on November 5, 1968, for alterations and additions to the Austin Children's Clinic; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of G & M Construction Company, in the sum of \$12,046.00, was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Construction Engineer 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 G. & M Construction Company, in the sum of \$12,046.00, 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 G & M Construction Company.

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

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

Noes: None

SUBSTANDARD HOUSE

Councilman Nichols moved the Council uphold the Building Standards Commission's recommendation on substandard house as follows:

MRS. H. D. AINSWORTH  
1803 West 10th Street

That the structure be declared a public nuisance  
and that the owner be given ninety days from

September 13, 1967, to demolish the structure and clean premises, that the Legal Department be instructed to seek judicial determination that the above structure is a public nuisance in a court of competent jurisdiction and/or the forces of the City with permission of the court, be empowered to demolish the structure, and affix the costs thus incurred as a valid and enforceable lien against the property.

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

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED

The City Manager submitted the following:

"Sealed bids were opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 10:00 A.M. November 5, 1968 for fifty (50) Bundled Conductor Stringing Blocks for the Electric Department.

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

<u>"Bidder</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Net Total</u>
Sherman & Reilly, Inc.	\$312.96	\$15,648.00
Priester-Mell Co., Inc.	271.63	13,581.33
Van Valin Sales Co.	312.96	15,648.00

#### "BIDDER'S LIST FOR BUNDLED CONDUCTOR STRINGING BLOCKS

Sherman & Reilly, Inc. 101 First Street Chattanooga, Tennessee 37400	Pengo-Hydra Pull Corp. P. O. Box 1989 Ft. Worth, Texas 76101
Van Valin Sales Company P. O. Box 7742 Waco, Texas 76710	Southern Electric Supply P. O. Box 158 Austin, Texas 78767
Campbell Specialty Co., Inc. Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447	Graybar Electric Co. 214 West 3rd Austin, Texas 78701
Priester-Mell Company P. O. Box 9515 Austin, Texas 78756	General Electric Supply 110 East 4th Austin, Texas 78701
Dickie Tool Co. Burlington & Warren Ave. Downers Grove, Illinois 60515	Techline, Inc. 5442 Burnet Rd. Austin, Texas 78756
Boston & Lockport Block Co., Inc. 110 Condor East Boston, Massachusetts 02128	Sterett Supply P. O. Box 5528 Corpus Christi, Texas 78405



"Western Block Co.  
100 E. Whitney  
Lockport, New York 14094

Walter Tips, Co.  
P. O. Box 848  
Austin, Texas 78767

R. D. Erb  
P. O. Box 12428  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

Dealers Electrical Supply  
7121 N. Lamar  
Austin, Texas 78751

Utility Equipment Co.,  
Int'l. Inc.  
3004 Navigation Blvd.  
Houston, Texas 77000

Summers Electric Supply  
P. O. Box 1688  
Austin, Texas 78767"

"1. Item:

A. Fifty (50) each Bundled Conductor Stringing Blocks to Priester-Mell Company, Inc. - Net Total \$13,581.33.

2. For the Electric Department.

3. To be used in the installation of 69 KV and 138 KV Circuits.

4. The estimated cost for these units was \$17,500.00. The City of Austin has not previously purchased units of this size and type.

5. The attached memorandum from Mr. T. L. Turner, approved by Mr. D. C. Kinney, gives detailed use of this equipment and recommends the award be made to Priester-Mell Company."

"The Electric Distribution and Transmission Division has requested purchase of 50 bundled conductor stringing blocks. Specifications were prepared to meet the Electric Distribution and Transmission Division requirements for these stringing blocks. The attached sheet shows the general appearance and description of these string locks. The Purchasing Division issued invitations to suppliers to bid to these specifications. Three bids were received at 10:00 A.M., November 5, 1968, to supply these blocks. Priester-Mell Company, Inc. submitted the low bid. This bid meets or exceeds the Electric Distribution and Transmission Division specifications.

"These conductor stringing blocks are specially built blocks designed to be used for stringing two conductors simultaneously. These blocks will be used initially in the installation of bundled conductors on the 138 KV Circuit 902 from Decker Plant to McNeil Substation. This circuit is scheduled for installation in this fiscal year. These blocks also will be used on all 69 KV and 138 KV circuits where the installation of bundled conductor is required.

"The Electric Transmission and Distribution Division recommends purchasing these 50 bundled conductor stringing blocks from Priester-Mell Company, Inc. for the net quoted price of \$13,581.33 and a quoted shipping schedule of 90 days.

"T.L.Turner  
Superintendent Electric  
Transmission & Distribution"

"Approved: D.C.K."

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on November 5, 1968, for fifty (50) Bundled Conductor Stringing Blocks for the Electric Department; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Priester-Mell Co. Inc., in the sum of \$13,581.33, 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 Priester-Mell Co. Inc., in the sum of \$13,581.33, 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 Priester-Mell Co. Inc.

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

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

Noes: None

Councilman Long moved to send the two identical bids of SHERMAN AND REILLY, INC. and VAN VALIN SALES CO. to the Attorney General for investigation and a report back. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

The City Manager, Mr. Tinstman, stated he had received a rather voluminous report from the Attorney General of the United States on the effectiveness and some of the results throughout the whole country reflecting the problem of identical bids on public purchases, both on the Federal, State and local levels. He said the report was quite encouraging and suggested that the City's efforts in this direction be maintained.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"1. Item:

A. Three (3) 2 inch Magnetic Flow Meters and Related Equipment to Fischer and Porter Company - Net Total \$5,406.66.

"2. Sealed bids were opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 P.M. October 25, 1968 for this equipment. Bids were solicited from two (2) firms which were the only known possible suppliers of this type equipment. We did also receive a bid from The Foxboro Company in the net amount of \$5,694.60.

"3. This equipment to be installed at Govalle Wastewater Treatment Plant to be used in connection with the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration research grant.

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- "4. The estimated cost of this equipment was \$5,000.00.
- "5. The attached copy of a memorandum from Mr. Curtis Johnson recommends the award be made to Fischer & Porter.
- "6. The attached copy of a letter from the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration authorizes the purchase of this equipment from Fischer & Porter.
- "7. The cost of this equipment is 100% reimbursable to the City of Austin from the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration.

"B.J. Bonds, Purchasing Agent"

"It is my recommendation that the bid on the above referenced project be awarded to Fischer & Porter Company on the basis of their low bid of \$5,515.00.

"The entire cost of the magnetic flow metering equipment is 100% reimbursable by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration in connection with the Research and Development Project WPRD 178-01-68, "Design Guides for Selective Wastewater Treatment Processes," approved by the City Council, March 21, 1968.

"This equipment will be installed at the Govalle Wastewater Treatment Plant to be used in connection with the above mentioned Federal Water Pollution Control Administration research grant.

"Our estimated price for this equipment was \$5,000.00.

"This purchase should be charged to the following account and work order number: 83478902 - Work Order No. 3697.

"Attached is a copy of a letter of approval from the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration concerning the purchase of the subject equipment.

"Curtis E. Johnson, Asst. Director  
Water & Wastewater Treatment"

"Dear Mr. Johnson:

"As requested in your letter dated October 30, 1968, you are authorized to award the contract to Fischer & Porter Company in the amount of \$5,515.00 for three two-inch magnetic flow meters.

"When the contract has been awarded, please forward three certified copies to this office.

"Please be assured of our continued interest in your project.

"George J. Putnicki  
Research and Development  
Program Director"

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on October 25, 1968, for the purchase of three (3) 2-inch Magnetic Flow Meters and Related Equipment to be installed at the Govalle Wastewater Treatment Plant; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Fischer and Porter Company, in the sum of \$5,406.66, 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 Fischer and Porter Company, in the sum of \$5,406.66, 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 Fischer and Porter Company, subject to approval by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration.

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"October 29, 1968

"Col. Vance E. Murphy  
Airport Director  
Austin Municipal Airport  
Austin, Texas

"Dear Col. Murphy:

"In regard to recent conversations between Mr. Mueller, of Ragsdale Aviation, and Mr. Bob Nelson, General Sales Manager of Tricon, I am forwarding to you this brief resume of our past operations and outline of our plans in Austin.

"Tricon was charter as a Texas corporation in December, 1967. Since that time, we have developed and expanded to the point where we are currently operating four aircraft on daily schedules between Dallas, Tyler, Longview, and Shreveport.

"We are an all-cargo airline and plan to continue to specialize exclusively in freight. We are licensed by the FAA and operate in compliance with the Federal Aviation Regulation's Part 135. We utilize both Beechcraft D-18's, equipped with cargo doors, and Piper Cherokee Six's.

"In each city that we serve, we maintain an office with 24-hour telephones. We have contract agents in each terminal city, and through these agents, are able to provide air service to surrounding cities. We maintain

all necessary ground equipment for the rapid and efficient handling of the freight. We enjoy business from virtually all of the major manufacturers in the areas which we serve and to our knowledge have no dissatisfied customers.

"The great majority of the freight handled by Tricon is prior or subsequent air freight. We work very closely with all the major airlines and freight forwarders and will soon have interline agreements with the airlines.

"We plan to begin operations in Austin as soon as the necessary equipment can be procured. As you know, we hope to place a portable building on the ramp just north of Ragsdale. At this time, it appears that we will initially fly two flights daily, except Sunday, at times to be determined after further negotiations with the major shippers in the Austin area.

"Our rates in Austin will be \$5.95 minimum with a \$6.00 hundred weight.

"I am enclosing a copy of our operating certificate along with copies of our insurance policies. Please notice that we carry \$3,000,000 liability coverage.

"If you need any further information to process our movement onto the airport, please contact me and I will forward it to you.

"Sincerely,  
s/ David Carruth  
David Carruth, President"

"Tricon International Airlines, all-cargo, has requested authority to operate at our airport. (See attachments)

"Their base would be on the west side of the field, immediately adjacent to Ragsdale's transient area, utilizing existing ramps and taxiways. They will provide and maintain their own portable building and will pay the current ground rental rates for space occupied.

"Landing fees will be the same as for passenger planes.

"The contract will contain a 30-day cancellation clause in case it becomes necessary to relocate this facility because of airport expansion or development.

"While it is not a big operation, this will provide a service we do not now have and will not interfere with other airport activities.

"Recommend the City enter into a contract with this cargo carrier as outlined above.

"Vance E. Murphy, Director of Aviation"

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That R. M. Tinstman, City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and

directed to enter into a Lease Agreement between the City of Austin and Tricon International Airlines, Incorporated, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain Lease Agreement, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk a copy of said agreement without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council.

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

#### REFUND CONTRACT

Mayor Akin introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH RANDY DEV. CO. 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 LaRue 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: Councilman Nichols, Mayor Akin, Councilmen Janes, LaRue, Long  
Noes: None

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

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

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

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

The Mayor announced the ordinance had been finally passed.

#### REPORT ON "SUBDIVISION REFUND CONTRACT POLICIES"

The City Manager, as requested by the Council, summarized the present policies concerning water refund purchase contracts, stating these are complicated matters involving community development policies, financial and legal considerations, construction techniques, etc. Councilman Long stated her position on the refund policy, in that Austin pays more than any city in the State on refund contracts; and the people in already developed areas accuse the City for paying a higher percentage on the paving in the new subdivisions than they do in the existing subdivisions. She asked that this cost be analyzed and

broken down for what the subdividers pay, as to what citizens who had lived on unpaved streets for many years, had to pay for paving. Information she had from the Municipal League showed that other cities in the state pay up to 50% on refund contracts, whereas Austin pays 90% plus interest on the money over a period of 25 years. The City Manager stated the policies were perhaps more generous than in other communities; but basically, the policy is desirable from the standpoint of overall good community development, and Austin should have a competitive advantage or a competitive edge as far as other communities are concerned. MR. DAVID BARROW spoke in favor of the present policy, and explained there was no refund on paving except for intersections. Councilman LaRue stated this matter was too important to consider this morning, and the Council was not prepared to go into a full scale discussion. Councilman Nichols moved the Council receive the report on "Subdivision Refund Contract Policies". The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

#### REPORT - "COMMUNITY FEATURES - NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN - OBSOLESCENCE"

MANOR AKIN complimented the report on "Community Features - Neighborhood Design - Obsolescence", noting it was a very interesting compilation of pictures and appropriate comments. The Director of Planning was asked to give a background of this whole program, the cost and the aim. Mr. Hoyle Osborne, Planning Director, said the report is part of the Community Renewal Program. The preliminary reports dealt with the sociological aspects; Dr. Hazard prepared the economic studies, and Mr. Hoffman has prepared the reports on structural conditions. The program was established four years ago, funded two-thirds under the Housing and Urban Development for a long-range program, and the other third to be borne locally. This is not a plan, but a program for private, public and other development and redevelopment of the City. Mr. Osborne listed the reports--the one that Dr. Hazard made on attitudes and sociological analysis; two reports submitted by Mr. Hoffman--one on residential economic analysis and the other on non residential economic analysis; and the Summary Report of Housing Conditions and Problems filed with the previous Council. In all reports in the whole program, there is revealed something other than whether a building was sound or not, and whether it met a structural standard. This was where Mr. Sheffleman and Mr. Harris filled in. Their compensation was approximately \$10,000, involving over a year and a half, and the City's share was one-third, plus staff work.

This study was intended to point out certain aspects, and to suggest certain ways of reaching solutions or conclusions rather than attempting to draw, say a specific plan for the central business district, in which there could be some redevelopment but not massive redevelopment. This pattern runs through all the suggestions pertaining to the various areas. Mr. Sheffleman explained the obsolescence provisions--suggesting open space and parks, and ways to prevent early obsolescence; trying to break down factors leading to obsolescence--structural and mechanical; necessity of access, amenity, and convenience of street space. He pointed out the obsolescence in transportation. Mr. Sheffleman's conclusion was if obsolescence had caught up with the City, money, energy, and time had to be spent to plan changes of lasting value. Their proposals have an opportunity for staging, as against doing the whole

redevelopment at once. Their recommendations are of a basic nature, to change with the situations and economics; plan for outdoors, trees and shade and places to rest.

They a case study near the Huston-Tillotson area, and he explained a process as how to begin and to wind up in a center of activity, interest, social functions, visual interest, and have the area a landmark. He explained four criteria for their theory.

The City Manager asked Mr. Schffleman if he would be available to share his thinking as to where a good start would be to implement some of the desirable features he pointed out in his report. Mayor Akin expressed appreciation for the excellent efforts put into this report, which are interesting and which all looked forward to implementing. He expressed appreciation for his willingness to continue the study in the direction that Mr. Tinstman had suggested. Mr. Tinstman suggested that a charge of \$3.00 be set for copies of this report.

Councilman Long moved a charge of \$3.00 be placed on a copy of the "Community Feature-Neighborhood Design-Obsolescence", but with copies of the report placed in the Library. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Charge would apply to people who wanted them for their own use.  
(The News Media had already been presented copies)

#### TAX APPEALS

It being 2:30 P.M., Mayor Akin opened the hearings on tax appeals continued from last week.

On each appeal, the appellant or his representative, presented the case, which was discussed thoroughly with the Council and at length. The Tax Assessor reviewed maps, pointed out recent sales in each area that might indicate the fair market value, discussed topography, land which might come under agricultural exemption, and pointed out all factors that affect or have bearing on the value of each parcel. In most instances the Council made trips to the areas to see the properties on the ground. Each of the following cases were carefully considered by the Council before a decision was reached.

ROSWELL G. MILLER

Parcel #1-3005-0301, Lot 3, Block U,  
Highland Park West, 4701 Ridge Oak Drive

No action taken as the Council wanted to go look at the land.

R. C. GRUMBLES

Parcel #9-4-1527-0102, 151.59 acres,  
Thomas Anderson Survey 17, SW Highway 290

MR. JACK KLITGAARD reported Mrs. Grumbles came to his office and made application to have this property treated under the new agricultural amendment; and it appears the property will qualify, and they may feel it is not necessary to appeal. The



Tax Assessor stated theoretically, if they object to the values placed on the land, they should appeal this portion anyway, as he must keep both sets of values--the Marked value and the Agricultural value; and should something change, they will be required to pay the difference in tax. He had instructed them they should protect their rights of appeal whether or not they are qualified. The Council members suggested that Mr. Klitgaard contact them again if they feel the value placed on their property is too high.

C. AUBREY SMITH, JR.

Parcel #9-2-5608-0110, 97.32 acres,  
James Rogers Survey, West IBM Plant

The Tax Assessor pointed out this property, just west of the IBM Plant. After discussion, Councilman LaRue moved the Council sustain the action of the Tax Equalization Board as follows:

C. Aubrey Smith, Jr. Address: West IBM  
Plant Legal: 97.32 Acres  
James Rogers Survey  
Parcel No. 9-2-5608-0110

Assessed Value Fixed by Board		Council Action
Land	\$72,990	
Improvements	190	
Total	\$73,180	No Change

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

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

#### OAK HILL PROPERTIES IN GENERAL

COUNCILMAN LONG stated she thought values are about \$100 too high for the purpose and use of the land. The people have owned that land for years, with no intention of doing anything with it in the near future, and the time is not right for the property change. They are not wanting to sell, but are in the stage of holding, and cannot hold what they have accumulated. She believed these people were being forced to sell, and she would reduce the land about \$100 an acre. The Tax Assessor reported studies are made each year on the general level at which property is being assessed, and they were aware of the fact that the values are reasonably conservative on all property. When the Oak-Hill-Manchaca District was considered, it was their intention that a reasonably conservative value be placed on the property, and they perhaps had placed the values of about \$100 an acre below what it would sell for then. Many of the properties that had sold justify that their appraisal is at least \$100 an acre below what the property is selling for. The Tax Assessor must have some assurance that he is not discriminating in certain classes of property. General discussion of taxation followed on cases heard earlier.

The Council set 9:00 A.M., November 15, to go out and inspect these properties.

## SIGNAL LIGHT AT STASSNEY LANE AT RAILROAD CROSSING

COUNCILMAN NICHOLS reported the crossing still had not been signalized at Stassney Lane. The Director of Public Works reported the Railroad Company had been contacted and representatives were in Austin just last week. It would still take four or five months to get the light in. The City Manager explained the complexity of this situation--the Railroad Company and the Railroad Commission are involved and also state statutes. This specific traffic light ties in with the railroad signal system. He suggested contacting the State Agency that Councilman Nichols was concerned about the hazards to the school children. It was reported this train is one that does not run on schedule, and perhaps in the interim, the City Manager stated a crossing guard might be provided.

CONTINUED HEARING AND SECOND READING OF REVISED AMENDMENT  
TO TEXT OF ZONING ORDINANCE "SR", "AA", and "A"  
Private Clubs

The City Manager distributed to the Council a summary of the review of Mr. Barr McClellan's previous letter pertaining to three aspects of the proposed ordinance, stating there was general agreement on the definition of "community club", "private club"; also as to the prohibition of outright commercial uses on which work was being done. There is still disagreement on parking.

Discussion covered a short form subdivision to the whole area comprising a club; that if there is early indication in a subdivision of a tract would possibly be a club, that would be permissible; but taking a large tract of land, or grouping a series of lots together, that would not become a "lot of record" and be permissible. Councilman Nichols pointed out a technicality that one lot, necessary to make up the five acres to permit a club site, possibly could be sold later. It was stated the Club site less than 5 acres could be abandoned.

Councilman LaRue wanted the prohibition of commercial use or operation in connection with the club firmly pinned down. If this club ordinance is going to be different from the way present clubs are operating, continuing under the grandfather clause, it would be a mistake. Detailed discussion covered merchandising in a residential area, the point at which a club is profit making, using club facilities for outside activities; percentage of areas to be designated for a private club; the provision for a "community club" which is more typical in the new subdivisions; parking provisions with suggestions of one parking space for two members, with most of the Council agreeing; and Councilman Long's suggestion of one parking space for each member, Mr. McClellan preferring the one to one space as it would limit expansion of membership, and still have sufficient parking. He said one space for two members certainly should be the requirement to assure improved parking space, so there would be no question about being able to park off the street. Councilman LaRue maintained that it would be better that all of the area not be paved. Discussion included the use of a special permit; paving of a big portion of the parking area, some of which might not be used except during a few peak periods a year; and if grassed area for overflow parking be provided, it is to be used for parking rather than landscaping; elimination of the term "of a compact shape".

The Planning Director's recommendation was one space for two members, and pave the entire parking area. The City Attorney stated this would be consistent with the present ordinance.

## Nursery Schools

MRS. PENNY BLOOMER, operator of a commercial day center, speaking for others in this category, stated they were in agreement that this ordinance is good and all can live with it, even though it is stricter than the present ordinance. They were concerned about those centers in existence now that are in the process of having some changes, rooms added on to increase their capacity. Some do not have their license, but are in the process and are remodeling. The Planning Director suggested if a building permit had been issued, and a certificate of occupancy had been applied for, this should be provided for in the ordinance. Councilman Nichols stated the time limit should start today. Councilman Long suggested a time limit of 30 days; that only those who have already applied for their permit and license would fall under this ordinance--those who have not, are out. The City Manager stated this was a continued hearing, and suggested the Council pass the ordinance on to its second reading with whatever amendments at this point the Council would prefer; and at the next reading, the Council would have for final consideration the rewritten ordinance with the various amendments discussed and indicated. Councilman Janes suggested making the cut-off date, the application date, and then give so many days to get into execution. Councilman LaRue suggested the application for the building permit be the cut-off date, and have 30 days after the passage of this ordinance to come in under the present ordinance. This would give plenty of time to plan additions to the structures, receive bids, etc.

## Motion

After discussion of the matters concerned in the Zoning Text Amendment, Councilman Janes moved the hearing be closed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 BY AMENDING SECTION 2, DEFINITIONS, BY ADDING CERTAIN SECTION 3-A, "SR" SUBURBAN RESIDENCE DISTRICT; BY ADDING SECTION 3-B, "AA" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; BY AMENDING ALL OF SECTION 4, "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; BY AMENDING SECTION 10-C, OFF STREET PARKING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 14, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Janes moved the ordinance be passed to its third reading, including the amendments--prohibiting commercial activity; establishing parking requirements (one to two members); the 30 day grace period for the Nursery Schools, and to instruct the City Attorney to bring in the ordinance for final reading next week. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

## NEWS ITEM ABOUT RAT PROBLEM IN EAST AUSTIN AREA

Councilman Long brought up an item appearing in today's paper, indicating the Health Director said there is insufficient personnel to do anything about helping eradicating the rats in the East Austin area, the area which is particularly plagued. He is reported as saying the Department acts as technical advisors. Mayor Akin agreed, but asked the City Manager if this position taken on the part of the Health Department stems to the action of the Council in removing the responsibility of rat killing, to private eradicators. The City Manager had not heard this type of statement nor position taken by the Public Health Staff; and it may be a partial or statement out of context. The Health Staff has been doing more than providing technical advice; however, he said he would check into this to ascertain if there is added staff or budgetary funds needed, and would have a complete report by this afternoon. He had a note that this statement was taken out of context. He pointed out there was a distinction between private and public responsibility.

## Pollution

Councilman Nichols stated the City does get into causes of problems, referring to pollution. Councilman Long stated Mr. Hodges included in his statement in the paper that Austin needed a coordinator, to inform people where to go, what to do, and then to whom to report. The City Manager assumed that some statement was made to emphasize a point that our Health Staff could not do this rat eradication alone. Councilman Long agreed, noting citizens' participation was necessary. The City Manager stated this was the purpose of the joint meeting between the Human Opportunities Corporation and interested parties, representatives from the City's Public Health Staff and from the City Manager's Office, to lend assistance and provide further coordination.

The Council recessed for lunch.

## RECESSED MEETING

2:30 P.M.

At 2:30 P.M., the Council resumed its business.

## PAY PLAN AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

The City Manager, in continuing consideration of the new classification plan, suggested to the Council that the Consultant make a brief presentation as to his study and make himself available for any questions the Council might have. MR. CHARLES RAINS explained the manner in which the survey was conducted, the field work done, and a close check with each Department Head to be certain the consulting staff was not in error in judgment or had failed to interpret facts properly or had missed any position. Instead of 70 ranges and a 2½% plan, it was agreed it would be better to have 35 ranges and a 5% plan. Fewer classifications and job titles would apply to more employees; and there are sufficient differences in the steps within the range so that when an employee or group of employees are given pay increases, they have some significance. The City Manager stated the pay group employees are in now is not a competitive wage level. The technicalities of the ranges and steps were explained in detail, as well as adjustments due to scarcity of the labor market, or difficulty in filling

particular positions. The Council members reviewed each page with the Consultant clarifying the questions they had in mind.

Discussion covered a report from Mr. Kinney, the Utilities Section. The City Manager stated there were *some* specific classification recommendations that needed further review, and this is being done at this time. The basic plan and the Ordinance which had been prepared can be adopted at the Council's discretion, but he would like the prerogative, as he indicated last week that the Fire Department, Electric Utilities, and three or four other departments in which there was some concern have further evaluation. He recommended that the Council adopt the basic plan and incorporate essentially those pay increases on which there is no question and continue evaluations in these several other departments.

Councilman LaRue brought up the Budgetary preparedness for this increase. The City Manager reviewed an analysis briefly, and assured the Council the cost estimates are well within the adopted budget, and there should be no difficulty in funding the new basic pay plan. The stability payment for non-civil service personnel is not included, but it is recommended in the ordinance to become effective in the next fiscal year, based upon a 12-year maximum credit. In answer to Councilman Long's question about public health nurses, the City Manager reported the compensation is adequate at this time. He explained the problem of an employee of long service and a new employee coming in and in a very short order receiving the same pay. This can be cured within the pay plan without having a matter of special treatment.

Discussion of the Sanitation Department was conducted on a wholesale change in classification. Councilman LaRue thought the redoing of the classifications of a whole department would be a matter of Council approval. The City Manager stated the Council had several controls--no extensive increase in range could be given without the Council's appropriating the additional money. The Council adopts the basic pay schedule and sets the minimum and maximum limits of a particular range. Councilman Long stated anytime pay raises in a classification are changed, they should be submitted to the Council. Discussion was held on the personnel exempt from the classification. The City Manager stated this fell under two categories--the "classified service" established under the City Charter, and those personnel referred to as "exempt personnel" (Council appointment. Technical wording of the ordinance was reviewed and changed slightly.

After summarizing the changes, Mayor Akin introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING A WAGE AND SALARY PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE WAGE AND SALARY PLAN; CREATING THE WAGE AND SALARY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL OF WAGE AND SALARY ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL JULY 12, 1951, RECORDED IN BOOK "Q", PAGES 363-370 OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND BY ENACTING IN LIEU THEREOF POSITION CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLANS FOR THOSE IN THE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL SERVICE OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTINUOUS ADMINISTRATION OF

SUCH PLANS; PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC PAY SCHEDULE,  
AND THE ALLOCATION OF CLASSES TO PAY RANGES UNDER  
SUCH PLANS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND DE-  
CLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Akin introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 620510-G  
PERTAINING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN  
POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Akin introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 620510-H  
PERTAINING TO SALARIES FOR CADETS AND CLASSI-  
FIED EMPLOYEES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO  
SALARIES FOR TRAINEES AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES  
IN THE FIRE FIGHTER DIVISION AND FIRE PREVENTION  
DIVISION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

In discussing Council appointments, Councilman Long moved the Clerk of the Corporation Court and the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Council by letter when any vacancies occur according to the Charter (Assistant or Deputy Clerks). The motion, seconded by Councilman Nichols, carried by the following vote:

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

#### CONTINUED REPORT ABOUT NATURAL GAS FUEL SUPPLY CO. DECKER GENERATING PLANT

The City Manager introduced Mr. Bill Stern, Research Scientist, Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas, and a consultant in this field. He is familiar with the negotiations and successful attempts of the City and L.C.R.A. which led to the present contract which both agencies have. The City Manager summarized the present agreement concerning the natural gas supply and generating facilities, and some of their efforts in preliminary negotiation with the present supplier beginning last June, as well as exploration for other sources of supply

and fuel. The present supplier took the matter to the Board of Directors, concerning extension of the contract and also the connecting line from the present gate to the generating facility at Decker. Mr. Ware, Coastal States, indicated in trying to get together, that he would rather withdraw their preliminary proposals and start over again than to try to continue on this existing proposal. The Director of Electric Utilities had discussed with the Company the extension of the pipe line, and extending the contract to the year 2000. The present contract provides in the event of additional general facilities, the City should advise the Company 18 months before the operation of those facilities, and this is what has been done. The Company had given the city an unsigned preliminary proposal as to what they would do insofar as extending the contract, and the building of the connecting line. Two concerns--the possibility that the City might have to build a distribution line, and might have to have a new supplier and incur a tremendous carrying cost. The City Manager stated the plant is under construction, and transporting gas to the plant was the No. 1 consideration and the No 2 consideration is an assured gas supply for those plants. Councilman LaRue stated the cost of the pipeline would not be of great concern one way or the other. If the city builds it, the Gas Company would not charge the cost in the gas they are selling. If the Company puts the line in, they would add this to the cost of Gas. As to the effect the supply would have on the bonds, he thought the City was in a good position, as it has a supply up to 1984.

Mr. Stern answered some questions from the Council, stating he was giving researching public data. He reported some gas discoveries, proving up additional reserves, and he distributed information published by the Railroad Commission in its annual report. He discussed many facets: that the 80% of gas produced in Texas will be used in Texas by 1980; increase in recoverable reserves, the average prices of gas in various areas in Texas, although he did not discuss prices as he was not an economist; the possible use of lignite as a source of Austin's generating energy, possible gas supplies from the local areas, but due to lack of enough exploration on that he had no comments to make. Mr. Stern discussed generally future consumption in relation to production and proven reserves. He did not discuss atomic energy. His personal suggestion would be to try to obtain a supply of gas as far in the future as possible, at as cheap a price as possible, rather than waiting on future exploration and reserves. Mr. Stern had made an energy study, not only restricted to gas, but lignite and the possibility of oil fired boilers.

In answer to Councilman Long's inquiry, the Director of Electric Utilities Mr. Kinney, stated the existing contract provided that the City is to supply the line to its present supply, where ever it is--presently on St. Elmo. The City Attorney explained the contract specifications for bidding that went out in September, 1962, on the gas supply, included that the City was taking bids on all the gas that was used at Seaholm Plant, and "Plant X", some place within 20 air miles. The common denominator was to be at a price delivered at the City gate, and the cost of extension of a line to that point to pick up the gas, since it was not known where it would be delivered at Plant X, and all bids could be judged on an equal basis would be at the City's cost. He explained the option if the City did not build the line. Councilman LaRue, looking into the possibility of Southern Union Gas Company, L.C.R.A., and Austin's contracts expiring more or less at the same time, there might be a pipeline connection at some point.

Councilman Janes inquired about the bond buyer's points of view. The City Attorney commented on the bonds, stating they were parity bonds, and the bond buyer would not be concerned only with Decker, but with the whole system. The City Manager stated the matter of the assured fuel supply is one specific item that has been mentioned as really significant.



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The City Manager asked guidance and direction from the Council as to which direction it wanted him to move to obtain a gas supply to Decker facilities—whether he should pursue further under the existing contract, and building the connection line. The present proposal would be approximately 27 cents for the gas at the point of delivery, the city building the pipeline at approximately \$1,000,000.

The City Manager in summary stated based upon the negotiations; had the City built and paid for the line from Ben White to Decker, in 1982, 1983 and 1984 it would have paid the maximum rate of 23.2. Based upon an extension of the contract in 1985, the City would have paid for all the fuel consumed, 27.5. He received the proposal of Coastal States as set out October 18, 1968, which would be an extension of the existing contract to 2000, and include the provision for installing the gas pipeline to Decker Creek, maintenance and operation for 1 1/2 million dollars at a firm price for gas at 27.2 for 1 million BTU from January, 1985 to January 1990, and a firm price from 1990 to 2000 of field cost plus 7.2% adjusted for the Federal Reserve index on consumer prices using 1985 for the base. The City Manager stated the Company is having a Board meeting, and wanted some firm reaction from the Council. Councilman Janes recalled the discussion on November 7th that the Council indicated it wanted to pursue negotiations. Mayor Akin stated the consensus of the Council seemed to be that the City Manager is authorized and encouraged to proceed to negotiate and report back to the Council as promptly as possible a recommendation.

Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be authorized to pursue and seek resumption of serious negotiations with COASTAL STATES GAS COMPANY (or LO VACA) with respect to the gas supply for the Decker generating facilities; and to also continue exploration of possible alternatives for fuel supply.

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

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 6:45 P.M.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk