

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

SPECIAL MEETING

April 7, 1969
10:00 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Akin presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Nichols, Mayor Akin
Absent: Councilman Janes

MAYOR AKIN announced this Special Meeting was called for the purpose of canvassing the Returns of the Regular Municipal Election for Councilmen and for Charter Amendment; for adopting a Resolution reflecting the canvass of the returns of the Council Election and Charter Amendment Election; and passage of Ordinance through all three readings ordering a Run-Off Election for the purpose of electing Councilman to Place 5, on May 3, 1969.

The Council canvassed the returns of the 48 precincts.

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 690227-B and Ordinance No. 69 - 0206-H duly passed by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, an election by the qualified voters of said City was held in the City of Austin on April 5, 1969: (1) for seven councilmen at large for a term of two years from May 15, 1969, each such councilman to be elected to and occupying a place on the City Council, such places being numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, respectively; and (2) for the adoption or rejection of a certain proposition to amend the City Charter of the City of Austin so as to permit the qualified voters of the City of Austin to directly elect the Mayor of said City beginning in 1971; and,

WHEREAS, by virtue of said election, the official returns from the election officials and the canvass thereof by the City Council it appears that the following votes were received at said election as indicated below, to-wit:

Council Election

Place 1:

Votes Received

D. R. Price

18,468

Emma Long	18,015
<u>Place 2:</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
Dick Nichols	16,093
Jay Johnson	20,498
<u>Place 3:</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
Ralph Janes, Jr.	28,859
Jimmy Lee Ball	6,170
<u>Place 4:</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
Travis LaRue	23,423
Harry Akin	13,142
<u>Place 5:</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
Stuart A. MacCorkle	14,891
Carl Tumeay, Sr.	1,058
Johnny Johnson	3,380
Raymond Donley, Jr.	433
S. J. "Buddy" Ruiz	11,212
Larry Prather	833
Pericles Criss	4,603
<u>Place 6:</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
Joe Allen Atkison, Jr.	22,663
Robert B. Smith	13,498
<u>Place 7:</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
Les Gage	29,442
Warren Smith	4,121
John P. Dyess, Sr.	2,787

Proposition for Direct Election
of Mayor

Votes Cast in Favor of Proposition	26,842
Votes Cast Against Proposition	4,881

WHEREAS, it appears that D. R. Price has received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman Place No. 1; that Jay Johnson has received a majority of all votes cast in said election for Councilman Place No. 2; that Ralph Janes, Jr. has received a majority of all votes cast in said election for Place No. 3; that Travis LaRue has received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman Place No. 4; that Stuart A. MacCorkle and S. J. "Buddy" Ruiz were the two candidates who received the highest number of votes in said election for Councilman Place No. 5, no candidate having received a majority of the votes cast for said Place; that Joe Allen Atkison, Jr. has received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman Place No. 6; that Les Gage has received a majority of all votes cast in said election for Councilman Place No. 7; and,

WHEREAS, it further appears that a majority of the votes received on the proposition to amend the City Charter of the City of Austin to permit direct election of the Mayor beginning in 1971 are FOR the adoption of such amendment to the City Charter; Now, Therefore,

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

That, in accordance with said returns, as received and canvassed, the following named persons are hereby declared duly elected and authorized to qualify for the position of Councilman for the City of Austin for a term of two years, beginning May 15, 1969:

Place No. 1	-	D. R. Price
Place No. 2	-	Jay Johnson
Place No. 3	-	Ralph Janes, Jr.
Place No. 4	-	Travis LaRue
Place No. 6	-	Joe Allen Atkison, Jr.
Place No. 7	-	Les Gage

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

That in accordance with said returns, as received and canvassed, that Stuart A. MacCorkle and S. J. "Buddy" Ruiz are hereby declared to be the two candidates who have received the highest number of votes in said election for Councilman Place No. 5.

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

That the proposition permitting the voters to directly elect their Mayor beginning in 1971 is hereby declared to be duly adopted as a part of the Charter of the City of Austin in the following manner, to-wit:

Effective April , 1971, Section 1, Article II, shall be amended by deleting the last sentence thereof, and by inserting in its place the following provisions:

The Councilmen shall be elected from the City at large, and each Councilman shall be elected to and occupy a place on the Council, such places being numbered and designated 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and Mayor.

Effective May 15, 1971, Section 7 of Article II shall be amended by deleting the first sentence thereof, and by inserting in its place, the following provisions:

The Councilman elected to and occupying the place designated "Mayor" shall be the Mayor of the City of Austin. At its first meeting following each regular election of Councilmen, the Council shall, by election, designate one of its number as Mayor Pro Tem, who shall serve in such capacity during the pleasure of the Council.

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

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

Mayor Akin introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A RUN-OFF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMAN TO PLACE NO. 5 ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS BEGINNING MAY 15, 1969; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

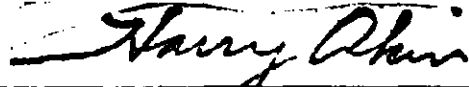
The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Long moved that the Council adjourn its Meeting. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTESTED:



Asst. City Clerk