

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

April 22, 1965  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer  
Absent: Councilman Shanks

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

Invocation was delivered by REVEREND BRANDOCH L. LOVELY, Unitarian Church of Austin.

Pursuant to published notice thereof the following zoning applications were publicly heard:

EDDIE SIMMONS	1112-1122 Lamar Boulevard	From "C" Commercial 1st
	1001-1007 West 12th Street	Height & Area
	Additional Area	To "C" Commercial 5th
	1100-1110 Lamar Boulevard	Height & Area
	1000-1006 West 11th Street	(As amended)
		RECOMMENDED by the
		Planning Commission as
		amended

Councilman White moved that the change to "C" Commercial 5th Height and Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had be granted to "C" Commercial 5th Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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AUSTIN CORPORATION      3801-3813 Dry Creek Road      From Interim "A" Residence 1st Height & Area  
By David B. Barrow      3800-3816 Bull Creek Road      To "LR" Local Retail 1st Height & Area  
RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission

Councilman White moved that the change to "LR" Local Retail 1st Height and Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "LR" Local Retail 1st Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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MARY HOUSTON      2400-2402 Lake Austin Blvd. From "A" Residence  
By Arthur E. Pihlgren 500-504 Deep Eddy Avenue      To "LR" Local Retail (As amended)  
RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission as amended

MR. ARTHUR PIHLGREN stated the amended recommendation was acceptable to the applicants. Councilman Long moved that the change to "LR" Local Retail be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "LR" Local Retail and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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CROCKETT ENGLISH      602-604 East 25th Street      From "B" Residence 2nd Height & Area  
By Frank Montgomery      2500-2502 Sabine Street      To "LR" Local Retail 2nd Height & Area  
RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission

Councilman LaRue moved that the change to "LR" Local Retail 2nd Height and Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "IR" Local Retail 2nd Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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LAKELAND HILLS	Tract 1	From "GR" General Retail
DEVELOPMENT CORP.	5406 Parkcrest Drive	To "C-2" Commercial
By Paul D. Jones		
	Tract 2	From "GR" General Retail
	Rear of 5406-5410	To "C-1" Commercial
	Parkcrest Drive	RECOMMENDED by the
		Planning Commission

Councilman Long moved that the change to "C-2" Commercial for 5406 Parkcrest Drive and the change to "C-1" Commercial for rear of 5406-5410 Parkcrest Drive be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-2" Commercial for 5406 Parkcrest Drive and to "C-1" Commercial for Rear of 5406-5410 Parkcrest Drive and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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M. K. HAGE, JR.	3500-3712 McDonald	From "O" Office 3rd
& AUSTIN DOCTORS	1201-1311 West 38th Street	Height & Area
BUILDING CORP.	1200-1304 West 37th Street	To "O" Office 4th
By Robert C. Sneed	1201-1305 West 37th Street	Height & Area
	1200-1308 West 35th Street	RECOMMENDED by the
	3501-3703 Alamo Street	Planning Commission
	3506-3712 Bailey Lane	
	Additional Area	
	1300-1304 West 35th Street	
	3500-3504 Bailey Lane	

Councilman Long moved that the change to "O" Office 4th Height and Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office 4th

Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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MRS. DONALD D. JAMES	902 Rio Grande	From "B" Residence 2nd
By Charles Granger	Additional Area	Height & Area
	900 Rio Grande	To "O" Office 2nd Height
	700-704 West 9th Street	Height & Area
		RECOMMENDED by the
		Planning Commission

Councilman White moved that the change to "O" Office 2nd Height and Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office 2nd Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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CHARLES T. BROWNE	96 Interregional Hwy.	From "C" Commercial 2nd
	711-715 Driskill	Height & Area
		To "C-1" Commercial 2nd
		Height & Area
		RECOMMENDED by the
		Planning Commission

A memorandum was received from the Baptist Association expressing opposition to this change as it would be within 300' of their Church Building which is to be used for a Mission for Alcoholics and also a Day Nursery for children of working mothers. The City Attorney stated the use does not meet the statutory tests for a Church. Councilman White moved that the change to "C-1" Commercial 2nd Height and Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-1" Commercial 2nd Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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M. E. JOHNSON

905 East 48 $\frac{1}{2}$  Street

From "A" Residence  
To "C" Commercial  
RECOMMENDED by the  
Planning Commission

Councilman White moved that the change to "C" Commercial be granted.  
The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C" Commercial  
and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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DON McELWREATH

2604-2612 Wilson Street

From "A" Residence  
To "B" Residence  
RECOMMENDED by the  
Planning Commission

Councilman Long moved that the change to "B" Residence be granted. The  
motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "B" Residence  
and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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FRED MORSE, SR.  
By Nelson Puett

Tract 1  
7900-7918 Mullen  
1900-2106 Anderson Lane

From "A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
To "GR" General Retail  
6th Height & Area  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission  
RECOMMENDED "GR" General  
Retail 1st Height & Area

Tract 2  
7901-7919 Mullen  
1516-1834 Anderson Lane

From "A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
To "GR" General Retail  
6th Height & Area  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission  
RECOMMENDED "GR" General  
Retail 1st Height & Area

Tract 3  
7920-7930 Mullen

From "A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
To "O" Office 6th Height  
& Area

FRED MORSE, SR.  
(Cont.)

Tract 3  
7920-7930 Mullen

NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission  
RECOMMENDED "O" Office  
1st Height & Area

Tract 4  
7921-7931 Mullen

From "A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
To "O" Office 6th  
Height & Area  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission  
RECOMMENDED "O" Office  
1st Height & Area

Mr. Puett represented the applicant, stating the recommendation of the Planning Commission would be acceptable. No one appeared in opposition. Councilman Long inquired if the 10' of right of way on Anderson Lane had been dedicated. Mr. Puett stated in the Planning Department, it was indicated there were 10' needed, and he had agreed to dedicate that amount. According to the city policy a 70' right of way is donated, and above that the City pays for the additional amount. Mr. Ed Stevens, Chief of Plan Administration stated this was a secondary thoroughfare, and it was thought the 90' width should be maintained, and there was discussion about a dedication of 15' instead of 10'. It was stated the City would acquire everything over 70'. Mr. Puett said he was prepared to take off the 10'; but no one else on Anderson Lane had been dedicating over 10'. An additional 5' would hurt some of the lots, cutting them back to 100'. Councilman White moved that the change be granted as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor said this was granted with the 80' right of way. Councilman Long stated the need of the 5' should be taken into consideration. The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail 1st Height and Area for Tracts 1 and 2, and to "O" Office 1st Height and Area for Tracts 3 and 4 and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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DANIEL A. STORM  
By Bob J. Bailey

4003-4005 Red River

From "A" Residence 1st  
Height & Area  
To "B" Residence 2nd  
Height & Area  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission  
RECOMMENDED "B" Residence  
1st Height and Area

The applicant stated the recommendation of the Planning Commission was acceptable. Councilman LaRue moved that the change to "B" Residence 1st Height and Area be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the

following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "B" Residence 1st Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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N. J. WONSLEY	Tract 1	From "A" Residence
By J.M. Patterson, Jr.	100-724 Anderson Lane	To "C" Commercial
		NOT Recommended by the
		Planning Commission
		RECOMMENDED "GR" General
		Retail

Tract 2	
7800-8000 Interregional Highway	From "C" Commercial 6th
	Height & Area
	To "C" Commercial 5th
	Height & Area
	RECOMMENDED by the
	Planning Commission

Mr. Patterson stated the recommendation of the Planning Commission was acceptable. Councilman Long moved that the change to "GR" General Retail for Tract 1 and to "C" Commercial 5th Height and Area for Tract 2 be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail for 100-724 Anderson Lane, and to "C" Commercial 5th Height and Area for 7800-8000 Interregional Highway, and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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CHARLES WOLF, By	Tract 1	From "A" Residence
Elenora Wolf	4000-4116 South 1st St.	To "C" Commercial
MARJORIE JO BETH &	601-919 Ben White Blvd.	NOT Recommended by the
GLENN GARNER, By		Planning Commission
W. H. Bullard		RECOMMENDED "GR" General
		Retail

Tract 2	From "A" Residence
Rear of 613-621 Ben	To "C-1" Commercial
White Boulevard	RECOMMENDED by the
	Planning Commission

CHARLES WOLF  
(Cont.)

Tract 3  
Rear of 701 Ben White  
Boulevard

From "A" Residence  
To "C-2" Commercial  
RECOMMENDED by the  
Planning Commission

Mr. Harvey Lane, representing Mr. Bullard, stated the recommendation of the Planning Commission was acceptable. Councilman Long moved that the change to "GR" General Retail for Tract 1; the change to "C-1" Commercial for Tract 2; and the change to "C-2" Commercial for Tract 3 be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail for Tract 1, to "C-1" Commercial for Tract 2, and to "C-2" Commercial for Tract 3, and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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BLACK, INC.  
By Robert Penn Fowler

202 East 33rd Street  
Additional Area  
200 East 33rd Street  
3301-3305 Helms Street

From "A" Residence  
To "BB" Residence  
RECOMMENDED by the  
Planning Commission

No one appeared to represent the applicant. MR. BARD, 203 East 33rd, objected as this area was predominately "A" Residential on both sides of the street. His objection was to a spot zoning; but he would have no protest on zoning the whole area. The Council wanted to make an on-site inspection of the area. Later in the afternoon meeting, Councilman Long moved that the Council uphold the recommendation of the Planning Commission and grant the change; and request that the Planning Commission make an area study. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "BB" Residence and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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BALCONES BUILDING  
CORPORATION  
By Edwin H. Golden

3011-3013 N. Lamar Blvd.  
907 West 31st Street  
Additional Area  
3009 North Lamar Blvd.

From "BB" Residence 5th  
Height & Area  
To "C" Commercial 5th  
Height & Area  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission  
RECOMMENDED "LR" Local  
Retail 5th Height & Area

Mr. Golden representing the applicants, outlined their proposal to build an office building for Allstate Life Insurance Company, and Pitney-Bowes, Inc.

"O" Office and "IR" Local Retail would be acceptable to them if it were acceptable to the Building Official as far as their storing their equipment. The Pitney-Bowes, Inc. services and sells postage machine meters, and stores them and brings them in to be serviced. The Building Official stated if they were stored for retail business, there would be nothing wrong with that. Opposition was spoken by MR. GARLAND BARCUS, 906 West 30th, stating his homestead ran from 30th to 31½ Streets, and his protest was based on the additional traffic hazards of another type of office building in that residential area. Mr. Barcus reported at the corner of 30th and Lamar, two pieces of property are being operated without any licenses, and recently there has been a sign board advertising a nursing home up the street. The zoning for this property was turned down. He mentioned the McBride's Bath Parlor on San Gabriel and 30th. It was brought out this was in a non-conforming use. The Mayor pointed out the various zoning uses along this area under application, and stated this was a logical extension of the zoning. He called attention of the Building Official to check the complaints made by Mr. Barcus. Councilman White moved that the zoning be granted as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Shanks

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "IR" Local Retail 5th Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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JOHN OATES

707-711 Bruning Avenue  
5206-5208 Eilers Avenue

From "IR" Local Retail  
To "C" Commercial  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission  
RECOMMENDED "GR" General  
Retail

MR. HAROLD HOPKINS, representing Mr. Oates, stated he had contracted to construct this building and had checked through the Building Official's office concerning this building which is for the retail sale of floor covering. It had been recommended that "GR" General Retail zoning be granted and the building be under special permit. Mr. Hopkins said his plans were acceptable to the Building Official; they had adequate parking and everything required except the "C" Commercial zoning, and they wanted to start construction in the next two or three days. The Mayor noted, in the Master Plan, Bruning and Eilers Avenues are shown as secondary thoroughfares, and there would be from 70-90' rights of way. Adjacent to Airport Boulevard there are 75', but 53½ Street has 80' of right of way. Mr. Hopkins showed a plot plan, which indicated a 25' setback. After discussion, Mr. Hopkins stated he would obtain a letter from Mr. Oates stating the building would be constructed exactly as this plot plan shows as of today. Councilman Long moved that the change be granted to "C" Commercial. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Shanks

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover. Mr. Oates is to bring in the required letter.

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WALTER BOHN and  
MRS. ADDIE SMOTHERS  
By Dr. Albert  
Kleiman

3401-3405 Kerbey Lane  
1510-1512 West 34th  
Street

From "A" Residence  
To "O" Office  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission

MR. ROBERT SNEED represented the applicants, stating there was a contract of sale existing between the applicant and Dr. Kleiman, if the zoning change is granted, Dr. Kleiman plans a doctor's office. Mr. Sneed pointed out there was a tremendous transition taking place in the area generally as far as the Seton Hospital Complex is concerned. He pointed out a notation in the Planning Commission Minutes of the hearing that there were two principle items on which the change was not recommended. One dealt with the part that 34th Street was proposed as an expressway in the Transportation Study, and 34th and Kerbey Lane were inadequate for this requested zoning. The other item was this change would be an intrusion into a well developed residential area. He asked the Council to note that the thoroughfare will not go down 34th but 35th Street, and will take in nearly all of the north half of the block in which the particular property subject to the application is a part, so all of the area along West 35th will be taken into the right of way and will be a thoroughfare to tie into the interchange now under construction at the Missouri Pacific Boulevard. The use of the property will be for a doctor's quarters, and would fit into a residential area; would not create traffic; and it would have its own off-street parking. This would be a particular usage with one-half block, with access to the thoroughfare, and not in conflict with the general area. He asked the Council to grant the change. Mrs. Kelly stated this was across from Brykerwoods School and would add to the traffic. Dr. Kleiman stated his practice was by appointment, and there may be one or two patients at a time; and only one or two cars at a time. Councilman Long stated Dr. Kleiman was a Podiatrist, and this type of business would be better than having three houses constructed there. The Chief of Plan Administration, MR. ED STEVENS, reported the Director of Planning did explain about 34th Street being inadequate as pertaining to Dr. Kleiman's property, but not as a part of the expressway. Mr. Stevens said the Minutes did read as Mr. Sneed had reported, but the expressway was outlined orally by the Planning Director, stating it would begin from 34th then onto 35th. Councilman Long moved that the change to "O" Office be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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JAMES A. HOBBS and 1613-1617 Rosewood Street From "C-1" Commercial  
ROBERT L. HOBBS, JR. 1140 Leona Street 2nd Height & Area  
To "C-2" Commercial 2nd  
Height & Area  
NOT Recommended by the  
Planning Commission

MR. RICHARD BAKER, on behalf of the Urban Renewal Agency, protested the change of zoning, as the Board feels that a lounge would be an improper use immediately across the street from the Junior High School. DR. T. C. CALHOUN and others were present to object. Councilman LaRue moved that the Council sustain the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the change of zoning. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been DENIED.

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Councilman LaRue moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of April 8, 1965, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Palmer 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 ANNEXA-  
TION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF  
14.49 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE S. J. WHATLEY SURVEY,  
IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRI-  
TORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY  
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN  
THE ORDINANCE. (Windsor Park Hills, Section 7)

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH BARTON TERRACE, INC. 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 White 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 LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Shanks

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White 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 LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Shanks

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the Building Inspector, the application of Dobbs House, Inc. for a building permit together with a site plan dated April 22, 1965, meeting the requirements of Section 10-B, 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City, for certain building establishment at 303 West 19th Street, more particularly described in said application; and,

WHEREAS, it has been found and determined by the City Council of the City of Austin that, based upon the use of the premises for the purpose of restaurant the maximum number of parking spaces which will probably be used by employees and customers of such establishment, taking into account the loading facilities on the site, the public parking areas and street space available for parking in the vicinity, public safety, and free circulation of traffic both on and off the site is nine parking spaces; Now, Therefore,

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

That nine (9) spaces is an adequate number of parking spaces for the establishment shown on the site plan of Dobbs House, Inc. dated April 22, 1965, for use of the premises for the purpose of restaurant.

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

Mayor Palmer 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: (A) A PORTION OF LOTS NOS. 2, 3, 16, 17 AND 18 OF BLOCK "F" OF LAMBIE'S RESUBDIVISION OF VOSS ADDITION, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND FIFTH HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; AND (B) ALL OF LOTS NOS. 1, 14, AND 15 AND PORTIONS OF LOTS NOS. 2, 3, 16, 17 AND 18 OF BLOCK "F" OF LAMBIE'S RESUBDIVISION OF VOSS ADDITION, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND THIRD HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING SITUATED 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 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 LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Shanks

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 LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Shanks

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, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Shanks

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long moved that MR. C. T. JOHNSON be heard for about ten minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. C. T. JOHNSON, stating he had no interest in the matter that would affect him directly or indirectly, read a statement regarding the purchase of property owned by the Connolly Company in connection with Mount Bonnell. He was opposed to the City's purchasing the property as it was economically unsound and morally wrong, and stated those who oppose this purchase maintain that by the offer of two acres from the Connolly Company for the right to move the road and straighten it would not affect the scenic beauty of Mount Bonnell, and the development of this area with beautifully designed homes would add to, rather than detract from its scenic beauty. The statement contained a description of Mount Bonnell as a "sore eye" and disgrace to the City, as nothing has been done to make any improvements or beautify this property; and if the Connolly Company should be permitted to go ahead with their subdivision plan, it would save the City thousands of dollars in the cost of the Mount Bonnell Road, which the Connolly Company has agreed to widen, pave and curb. Objection was expressed to the City's spending the huge sum of money necessary to acquire this land, because the terrain is such it could not be used as a park and playground. The money necessary to buy the 40 acres could be distributed evenly and spent wisely in developing parks, the recreation system, and landscaping the Municipal Auditorium. Realtors estimate \$4,000,000 of taxable income if the Connolly Company develops it. If the City acquires the land, the overall picture may amount to close to \$1,000,000 with development and continued maintenance. Councilman Long made several observations about the area, in that she knew nothing of a "gift" of two acres -- that it would be an exchange of property; that the statement about Mount Bonnell being a disgrace, does not pertain to the Park, as it is in a nice condition; but it is the private property that is a disgrace. Mayor Palmer stated the Council appointed a Committee from a cross-section of the entire citizenry, and was awaiting their report and recommendation. He thanked Mr. Johnson for his views.

MAYOR PALMER stated it was his hope the Council would appoint a special committee among the doctors on Fluoridation, so that this issue could be settled.

MAYOR PALMER announced that Sunday at 7:00 A.M. the first new pure jet service would take place in the City. Braniff will bring in the first service. Since Austin is getting into the "jet age", he read a proclamation to be endorsed by the Council, as follows:

#### P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Sunday, April 25, 1965, marks Austin's entry into the Jet Age with the inauguration of pure Jet Air service through our thriving and beautiful City, and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin congratulates Braniff International on this forward step and on the acquisition of this 550 mile per hour airplane (BAC ONE 11), another milestone in the progress of aviation and keeping Austin air travel abreast of the growth and development of other activities, both industrial and cultural, in the City of Austin.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lester E. Palmer, Mayor of the City of Austin, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 25, 1965 as

"JET DAY"

in Austin and invite citizens of our community to visit our Municipal Airport on this day to take part in ceremonies marking this inauguration of jet service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the City of Austin on this 22nd Day of April, 1965.

Councilman White moved that the Council proclaim Sunday, April 25, 1965, "JET DAY" in Austin and invite citizens of the community to visit the Municipal Airport on this day to take part in the ceremonies. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"April 19, 1965

"TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Bids on one (1) Motor Grader for Street and Bridge Division

"Sealed bids were opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 P.M. April 15, 1965 for one (1) Motor Grader including one (1) 1946 Motor Grader to be traded-in.

"The bids received are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BRAND</u>	<u>NET DIFFERENCE</u>
Jess McNeel Machinery	Galion T-600	\$20,639.00
Pioneer Equipment Corp.	Austin Western Super 400	*20,580.00
Anderson Machinery Co.	Allis-Chalmers	**17,331.30
Holt Machinery Co.	Caterpillar 14 D	24,610.00

\* The bid by Pioneer Equipment Co. did not meet the minimum specifications for tandem drive, weight, type of clutch, reverse speeds, type of front axle, type and location of ripper & scarifier attachment and minimum warranty period.

\*\*The bid by Anderson Machinery Co. did not meet the minimum specifications for weight, wheel base, size of engine, type of clutch, reverse speeds and location of ripper & scarifier attachment.

"The bid submitted by Jess McNeel Machinery meets all requirements and conditions of our specifications.

"RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the award be made to Jess McNeel Machinery Company for one (1) Galion T-600 Diesel Motor Grader including one (1) trade-in in the total

amount of \$20,580.00 as the lowest and best bid meeting specifications.

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

Councilman Long noted the lowest bid was not recommended, and the explanation is they do not meet specifications. The City Manager stated about six weeks ago bids on a grader were brought in with the recommendation that they be rejected because the low bidder's equipment was not large or heavy enough to do the job, and the Council authorized rejection of those bids, taking new ones, and drawing specifications requiring the heavy duty machines. In these bids, the two that do not meet specifications do not come up to the heavy duty requirement. Councilman Long asked if the bidders recognized their equipment was not heavy enough. The City Manager stated the information that came along with their bid was what was used in the determination. MR. PURSER, Street and Bridge Superintendent, said the bidders raised no question prior to the time of the bids; and on their bid sheets they did make exceptions on a separate sheet of paper where they did not meet specifications.

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on April 15, 1965, for one (1) Motor Grader for the Street and Bridge Division; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Jess McNeel Machinery Company, in the sum of \$20,639.00 and one (1) trade-in, 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 Jess McNeel Machinery Company, in the sum of \$20,639.00 and one (1) trade-in, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with Jess McNeel Machinery Company.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Shanks

The City Manager submitted the following:

"April 19, 1965

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

SUBJECT: Bids on three (3) Potential Transformers.

"Sealed bids were opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 P.M. April 8, 1965 for three (3) Potential Transformers for the Electric Department. These transformers will be used at Holly Street Power Plant.

"The bids received are as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BRAND</u>	<u>NET TOTAL</u>
General Electric Co.	General Electric	\$5,640.00
Sterett Supply Co.	Allis-Chalmers	5,640.00
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.	Allis-Chalmers	5,640.00
Graybar Electric Co.	General Electric	5,640.00
Walter Tips Co.	Westinghouse	5,527.20
Curtis Musgrove Co.	Federal Pacific	*4,200.00

\*The bid by Curtis Musgrove Company does not meet the specifications for voltage and ratios.

"The bid by Walter Tips Company meets all requirements and conditions of our specifications.

"RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the award be made to Walter Tips Company for three (3) Westinghouse Potential Transformers in the total amount of \$5,527.20 as the lowest and best bid meeting specifications.

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

Councilman Long noted again this was not the lowest bid, and asked for an explanation of the voltage and ratio which did not meet specifications. The Director of Electric Utilities gave an explanation, stating they requested 40,470 volts at a certain ratio of 350:1, and these companies bid 69,000 volt at a ratio of 550:1, which is not compatible with the system. Councilman Long noted there were four companies that were bidding identical, and asked that these be referred to the Attorney General, just for record; as in the future it will be helpful not only to the citizens of Texas but to the United States. She inquired when Westinghouse joined with Walter Tips, It was explained they had been the authorized distributors for some time.

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on April 8, 1965, for three (3) Potential Transformers for the Electric Department; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Walter Tips Company, in the sum of \$5,527.20, 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 Walter Tips Company, in the sum of \$5,527.20, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with Walter Tips Company.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Shanks

MAYOR PALMER stated there were some appointments to various Boards listed on the Agenda, but the Council would hold on these until all members of the Council were present.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from MR. VERNON LOFTIS stating he had served on the Electric Board six years; and due to his leaving Austin on May 1st to work in the Beaumont area, he was resigning from the Board. He asked that MR. WESLEY COLLIER be appointed in his place. MR. COLLIER HAS taken over the position as Business Manager of Local Union 520 IBEW. The Mayor said this was another matter that would be taken into account. Councilman Long moved that his resignation be accepted, and a letter be written thanking and commending him, and expressing regrets that he would not be with the Board any longer, and thanking him for his recommending a replacement. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Vernon L. Loftis has served the City of Austin for six years as a member of the Electric Board, and has contributed immeasurably to the Board with an inquiring mind and a free spirit; and,

WHEREAS, his contributions have greatly aided and inspired the Board to keep pace with an ever growing City and ever multiplying technological advances of this modern America; and,

WHEREAS, we regretfully understand that he is leaving the City and will be unable to further serve the Board; Now, Therefore,

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

That the appreciation of the people of Austin be publicly expressed to Vernon L. Loftis, and that his valuable contributions to the Electric Board gratefully acknowledged, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded him.

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

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Hiram Brown has served the City of Austin for over eleven years as a member of the Electric Board, and has contributed immeasurably to the Board with an incisive mind and a free spirit; and,

WHEREAS, his contributions have greatly aided and inspired the Board to keep pace with an ever growing City and ever multiplying technological advances of this modern America; and,

WHEREAS, it is with regret that we understand that the press of his other endeavors prevents him from serving the Board in a manner which would be satisfactory to him; Now, Therefore,

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

That the appreciation of the people of Austin be publicly expressed to Hiram Brown, and that his valuable contributions to the Electric Board gratefully acknowledged, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded him.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Shanks

The City Manager stated MISS PAM SPENCER, a University student, had written regarding closing the 2600 block of Wichita Street, for a block party from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Director of Public Works stated clearance had been obtained through the Police Chief; and the Public Works Department will send the barricades out and the group would put them up at 2:00 P.M. and take them down at 5:00 P.M. He stated he would recommend this request be granted. (May 8th) Councilman White moved that the request be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Shanks

The City Manager said COLONEL MURPHY brought in letters to each of the Council members this morning concerning dates on which various Aqua Festival activities will take place; and in many instances they take place on city-owned property. He needs approval from the Council to proceed with the activities on these dates. The City Manager said the various departments of the City had not made a thorough analysis of these and they were not ready to recommend with reference to each request. He distributed copies of the letter, stating several items had already been approved; but there were some that had to be checked out yet. The Aqua Festival begins July 22nd and the final activities end on August 22nd. Councilman White reported he had received complaints about using those high speed motors on Town Lake. The Mayor asked that the Council be given time to look over this list of events.

Councilman Long noted NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK was April 25th-May 1st.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from MR. ARTHUR P. WATSON stating his interest was helping Downtown Merchants compete with outlying shopping centers, and his concern was the enforcement of limitation of time that trucks are parked in the alleys for loading. Tickets were being given due to length of time the merchants'

trucks made use of the alley. His letter mentioned that West 4th Street was often blocked for hours by large trailer trucks at warehouses or wholesale houses; and it would seem appropriate to afford the merchants downtown the same consideration to the extent they did not block an alley. He had observed other downtown alleyways sometimes have all day use by parked cars and trucks. He asked particularly for relief from tickets being issued for using the alley in the rear of Western Auto Company and Gage Furniture Company east of the Driskill Hotel. Considerable effort had been made to bring the Kansas City firm back downtown, but they are handicapped by strict enforcement of time limit on loading during business hours. (copy of letter sent to Chief Miles)

COUNCILMAN LONG noted MR. BARRON in the Water and Light Department, is retiring, stating it would be appropriate to have a resolution brought in commending him. It was announced MISS GERTRUDE GANZERT in the Tax Department, was also retiring. Councilman Long moved in addition to the Certificates presented these employees by the Administration, that the Council adopt a resolution commending them for their long years of service, sending them a copy of the resolution. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Council greeted and welcomed MR. BOW WILLIAMS, who discussed briefly industries.

The City Attorney explained that fiscal arrangements for drainage had been made by MR. GEORGE SHEPHERD. Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA DESIGNATIONS ON A PORTION OF AREA 6, AND 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: TRACT 1: "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 5602-5604 PARKCREST DRIVE; TRACT 2: "IR" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 5500-5600 PARKCREST DRIVE; TRACT 3: "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT, LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE REAR OF 5504-5604 PARKCREST DRIVE; AND TRACT 4: "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 5607-5611 HIGHLAND CREST DRIVE; ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF 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 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 LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Shanks

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 LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Shanks

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, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Shanks

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman White moved that the Council authorize the renewal of lease for F.A.A. remote transmitter site at the Airport. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager stated this is a site that will be changed later, but this lease is only for another year and the change will be made within that time.

The Council recessed until 2:30 P.M.

RECESSED MEETING

2:30 P.M.

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

MAYOR PALMER announced this was a meeting in which the Council would hear a report of the Mayor's Committee on Mental Retardation, and expressed gratitude to the Committee for giving their time, talent and knowledge on this particular problem.

MR. J. ED BRIDGES, Chairman, thanked the Mayor and the Council, on behalf of the 25,000 people in Austin and Travis County directly or indirectly affected by having a mental retardate in the family, for the deep interest the Mayor and Council had shown in the underprivileged of Austin. He explained mental retardation as a condition, stating there are 8,460 mentally retarded people in Travis County, 6,000 in the city limits; and 300,000 in the State. There are twice as many mentally retarded persons in Austin and Travis County as the combined total of handicapped people--cerebral palsy, blind, etc. He gave statistics through 1969. President Kennedy in 1961 initiated a national plan to combat mental retardation, and \$2,200,000 was provided to assist the

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States in planning comprehensive action to combat this condition. Texas was one of the first States to receive a basic grant. Mr. Bridges explained the organization through the Governor's office, including a 53 member State Advisory Committee of which JUDGE HERMAN JONES is Chairman; and the Mayor's Commission for study and planning, from 60 key cities in Texas. He stated this Commission first met on February 16th, and a complete plan of action was disclosed, which was to be a two-phase program:

1. Study of the resources, facilities, program advantages which Austin and Travis County offer the mentally retarded.
2. To explore what was lacking; what the community needs to give a complete and full program for its retardates.

Six areas of study were considered: (1) Health, (2) Education, (3) Welfare, (4) Residential and Day Care, (5) Rehabilitation and Employment, (6) the Law and the Mentally Retarded, (7) Public awareness. In each area there was a crack task force of the best and most experienced people in Austin available to do the job. Mr. Bridges assured there had never been a more serious, dedicated or hard working group than these to bring in this plan.

Many of their recommendations were on the local level for community action; and many are at the State and National levels. A duplicate of the entire report which he had filed with the Council was being sent to the State Planning Committee. Mr. Bridges introduced the Committee.

MRS. HERMAN JONES stated the most encouraging thing was the quality of hope. There is no cure for mental retardation; but ways are known to better the lives of those affected and to prevent mental retardation; and it is hoped to use that knowledge and determination to seek other ways of preventing mental retardation. In the public awareness phase of this Commission's work, it is able to acquaint the people with ways that can decrease the number of those born so woefully handicapped and better the lives of the 6,000 of those living among the people.

MR. FRED COHEN, Professor of Law at the University, stated the Law and the Mentally Retarded was a much larger document than had been presented, and he wanted to divide the recommendation into three categories: (1) guardianship law; (2) delinquency; (3) criminal responsibility. There is no distinction made in the mentally ill, drunkard, aged and mentally retarded. For the Committee's purpose, he said it would be well to suggest that the mentally retarded have special needs in the guardianship area, guardianship of person and property, and appropriate legislation could be devised with the view of providing for personal supervision which a particularly young retarded person in need of guardianship may require. The criteria for such needs to be more clearly defined. This is a problem for Psychology and the Law. In general the most fundamental problem in supervision or guardianship is in need of very close scrutiny. It is a general and not a special problem. In the area of delinquency there is a need to explore the need for clinical diagnostical personnel attached to the Travis County Juvenile Court. The situation would be improved in hiring a full time psychologist or psychiatrist and a special law enforcement office who would be trained in special duty. A mentally retardate, as a new delinquent, is best handled by the earliest possible detection. He brought out these children are either sent back home or kept in Gardner House until they can be sent to the Austin State School. In discussing this with those attached to the Juvenile Court, it was found a significant gain could be made by having a number of

alternative dispositions available. In answer to Councilman Long's question if the Austin State School was doing very much to take care of the retarded and rehabilitate them, Mr. Bridges stated the State School over the years had improved considerably and is making great progress and there is more progress to be made. It is working on rehabilitation. Mr. Cohen stated the Austin State School was not set up to handle a mentally retarded child who acts in a hostile fashion, and that is not a satisfactory solution. The other category is criminal responsibility. In order for a mentally retarded adult, who commits what would be a crime to come within the insanity law, he has to demonstrate he is unable to distinguish between right and wrong. Some people are not severely enough retarded that can meet the tests. The question is should a moderately or mildly mentally retarded person be treated as a criminal, or should a way be devised for criteria for criminal responsibility that would develop a conduct of diminishing responsibility or expiation of the mentally retarded adult who commits what might otherwise be a crime. The study shows the standard is not adequate and is outmoded.

MR. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Director of Goodwill Industries, Chairman of the Rehabilitation and Employment, showed work that is being done by the mentally retarded people. He was concerned with rehabilitation that would lead to employment. He listed some of the people who employ a number of mentally retarded people. Goodwill Centers and Sheltered Workshop Assembly Area provide sheltered employment and training for the mentally retarded, and try to place them on jobs in the community. He pointed out the need to call attention to employers in the community and throughout the State that work can be done by mentally retarded persons, and asked the Council and Mayor to stimulate interest among the employers in Austin to hire the mentally retarded. They need not to be a burden on society or go into the Austin State School. He stated the specific recommendation on vocational rehabilitation and employment was included in the report. In answer to Councilman Long's question as to where a specific place was where a mentally retarded person might go to find employment, Mr. Campbell listed the Texas Employment Commission, Goodwill Industries, Austin Council for Retarded Children, and Vocational Rehabilitation Agency in Austin. Councilman Long suggested that these places be given publicity so that those people would know where they could find employment.

MR. JACK GOODMAN, head of the task force on Residential and Day Care, was out of town and MR. WILLIAM TERRY, Austin Council of Retarded Children, gave the report. Mr. Terry introduced the Residential and Day Care Committee, who had many recommendations and ideas about the way their suggestions could be placed into effect. They recommended that State residential facilities should expand their patient programs with attention to expediting admissions. The expansion facilities should include proper planning for modern plant facilities and adequate staffing patterns; also facilities for psychotic retardates. Some retardates are now being transferred from Gatesville to the Austin State School. It was also recommended that an out patient type of program be developed; creation of smaller residential schools for retardates in towns near their residence, and that these retardates could be placed according to their locations. They recommended more full-time care for the more severely retarded infants and young children. There is a problem here unless their care is on an emergency basis. Emergency short-time residential care was recommended; and day care services for the retarded in Austin are desperately needed. He recommended that the people be impressed with the need of the problem and the extent of the problem and realize the community responsibility in providing services for the mentally retarded.

MRS. JACK EISENBERG, State Public Welfare, introduced her task force. She said their reports mostly were on local level. They recommend a local well-known agency to provide coordination for all local efforts to serve as a central resource of information; to offer parent counseling and referrals. This group should provide continuing programs of education to special groups of people who deal with retarded people--clergymen, police, physicians, nurses, teachers, dentists, etc. This central local association should serve as an information, referral, and counseling resource for counseling for other people interested in individuals who are retarded. It would not compete with other agencies, but would supplement them. This would be a logical program of the existing Council for retarded children. Part 2 of the recommendation concerns churches, as the first place a family goes when it finds their child is retarded is to the Clergy. Informed and skilled clergymen is a must. The informed Clergy can lead his congregation into providing a program for the mentally retarded--not to tolerate them, but to love and accept them. She discussed the recreation programs. More recreation needs to be provided for the mentally retarded. There is a summer recreation program for only 40 children who live in their homes. Those who are in special schools or in the state schools have programs in recreation, but the mentally retarded who live in their own homes have little or no recreation. It was hoped that the City Recreation Department would take the lead to plan social recreation, hobbies, dances, and athletics for retarded persons and that they would invite private and voluntary organizations to participate in their planning. The last recommendation is on State level. Several agencies do not need full time mentally retardation consultants, but they could make a good use of part-time consultants, and her group recommended that the new State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation include on its staff a number of consultants representing different professional areas; that they be made available on short terms or on loan to other State agencies.

DR. RALPH HANNA, Health, introduced his Committee, and stated they had a uniform recommendation on a state-wide basis, requiring the registration of a mentally retarded individual at the time of diagnosis, in order that this person may be known and may be referred to the proper facilities. A second recommendation was the announcement of the fact that the University does have a genetic counseling service which is available to the public and which may be a great value in decreasing the amount of mental retardation due to genetic factors. The outstanding recommendation made by the Committee was to endorse the proposed diagnostic and evaluation center which has been formed in Austin but not yet activated.

DR. M. G. BOWDEN, Principal of Casis School, Chairman of the task force on Education, introduced the group working on this Committee, and gave a summary of the recommendations his group made.

- (1) Federal level - that additional funds be provided from the kindergarten through high school after every effort has been expended from the local level for maximum support.
- (2) State Level - they would like to have increased guiding policy statements, increased supervision, improved teacher training, licensing of private schools, curriculum materials and special class books, regional demonstration centers, psychological testing services, transportation for those who cannot afford it, and legal and administrative directors to help the school place children where they best can be helped.

- (3) Local level - increased emphasis on education at the elementary and secondary levels for mentally retarded with closer cooperation with State and University agencies. It was recommended that emphasis be placed on vocational programs with on-the-job training with more guidance from counsellors, special education and administrative sources. There should be better curriculum materials, better teacher-in-training program, more counseling service both to teacher and children and parents.

MR. BRIDGES stated this was their brief summary, and the complete report had been filed. He introduced the Texas Director of the Texas Association of Retarded Children and Assistant Director of the State Planning Commission for Retarded Children.

JUDGE HERMAN JONES, Chairman of the State Advisory Commission, expressed appreciation to the Council for hearing their report. He quoted a statement that David Brinkley wrote, stating, "The road to the American dream is littered with task force reports that were lightly read, widely ignored and messily discarded on the road side as empty beer can." Judge Jones stated this Commission could not let this happen to its recommendations, and this group of dedicated people was recommending that this Planning Commission on Mental Retardation be continued. The implementation is the most important thing that they could do. They would like to recommend a few more people they need--specialists in the field of mental retardation to help in carrying on their planning and implementation. There will be an Executive Committee that will carry the load of the implementation. The additional names will be presented within the week.

The Mayor stated this report submitted to the Council would be submitted to the Governor. Mr. Bridges stated the Committee first reported to the Mayor and Council. The head of the State Planning Commission said the Austin study is the first major city to complete its report, and the State Commission was looking forward to the report. The large document should be sent from the Mayor and the City Council. There will be a state-wide program to consolidate all reports, and all reports will be incorporated into one big report. All states are simultaneously having this type of program. Mr. Bridges stated that the City should appropriate money for matching State and Federal funds; and also some funds of setting up something locally. The Mayor stated the City would have to know how much the City would be responsible for on the local level to match other funds. Mr. Bridges said the Commission was ready to begin immediately on the local level the study of implementation, and would not wait on the State and Federal Plans. Councilman Long asked if he would bring in a recommendation of the cost of the program they were planning. Mr. Bridges stated this would be done within the next 30 days.

Councilman White stated this was one of the finest jobs he has ever seen.

Mayor Palmer asked that the Committee continue, and work with the Council on the implementation of this program, as it is such a vast program, and so many people involved.

Councilman Long inquired about the study of the Legislation now before the Legislature that will implement this program and other programs, noting the PKU bill just came up last week. Mr. Bridges stated the Texas Association for

Retarded Children has a Legislative Committee, and many hours and days are spent in the Legislature. Councilman Long thought that PKU was one of the most magnificent items in the mill. One of the members of the Committee briefly explained the PKU bill.

JUDGE HERMAN JONES, because of the quality of people who had responded throughout Texas, particularly in this community, noted it was a most heartening thing, and this is a part of a very important undertaking. He was impressed that the Commission was to continue its work. The local community will bear a lot of responsibility to provide the facilities that the retarded need in the community. He stated he was glad his home town was out in front in this reporting.

MR. AMOS HEROLD asked how the figure of 6,000 mentally retarded people in the City was calculated, as it seemed it was 3% of the total population of the City. Mr. Bridges explained through the National Association, and Bureaus that make such surveys, this 3% is a national average. Mr. Herold asked what caused mental retardation. It was answered there were 200 known causes, and detailed information was given.

MAYOR PALMER asked if the Schools had been brought into this program. It was stated the Schools had 43 classes.

COUNCILMAN LONG stated she had never seen a committee that had worked harder on a program or brought in a more impressive report, and she wanted to see the Committee continue its operation so the recommendations could be carried through. Councilman Long moved that the Council accept the report, thank the Committee, and send the report to the Governor's Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

MAYOR PALMER asked if the Committee could come up with the best possible estimate as to what the local community's responsibility would be and what costs would be involved before June 1. The Mayor stated the entire Council wanted to express its appreciation of the fine work that the Committee had done, and he asked the Committee to remain organized until the program was finally implemented.

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

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

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The Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

L. L. & Palmer  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elin Koolay  
City Clerk