

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 29, 1966
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: None

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 FATHER DAVID O'BRIEN, St. Austin's Catholic Church.

Mayor Palmer at 10:00 A.M. opened a hearing on the final passage of the Taxicab Rate Ordinance as amended. It was explained the proposal was for 20 cents for the first three minutes or any portion thereof, and the amendment provided five cents a minute for "waiting time". MR. ROBERT SNEED, representing two companies, asked that the effective date be 20 days from today, to allow for the meter change over. No one appeared in opposition. After discussion, Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance as amended, for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT ORDINANCE ENTITLED
"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TAXICAB SERVICES IN THE
CITY OF AUSTIN AND PRESCRIBING RULES AND STANDARDS
FOR THE OPERATION AND CONTROL OF SUCH SERVICES IN
THE PUBLIC INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING OF
FRANCHISES FOR TAXICAB SERVICES AND CREATING THE
TAXICAB FRANCHISE COMMISSION; REQUIRING THE REGISTRA-
TION OF ALL DRIVERS OF TAXICABS; REQUIRING THE INSTALLA-
TION OF TAXIMETERS ON ALL TAXICABS AND FIXING MAXIMUM
FARES; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF
THIS ORDINANCE REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SAVING
CLAUSE; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS
ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," RECORDED IN
BOOK "P", PAGES 321-345, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS

OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 34,
THEREOF PERTAINING TO TAXICAB FARES.

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, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The ordinance effective as of January 16, 1967.

Councilman White moved that MRS. JESSIE McILROY SMITH be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MRS. SMITH announced the Travis County Historical Society had won the award for a well balanced program of historical work during 1966, covering financing which will be spent in placing markers and for keeping the community informed of the historical events and places. A record of the log cabins in Travis County is being made and they will be restored. An effort to plant hard-grade cedar trees is being made. Markers are to be placed on the historical loop routes. The Society is endeavoring to get a state appropriation for restoration of Fort Colorado. Her request was that the City put some kind of markers on the streets indicating the original name; and to place prominent signs on Waller and Shoal Creeks. The Mayor thanked Mrs. Smith and congratulated the Society for having won this nice award.

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

MR. ED WROE, spokesman for a group of the banks and savings and loans associations, stated their proposal had been discussed for about two years. He said the group recognized Austin had a fine City Council and unusually capable management now, and one of the obligations of management of the City and a large utility system is advance planning. The utility system is the largest business in the City; and if Austin grows like projections indicate, the system, now grossing \$25-\$26,000,000 will soon be making \$60-\$75,000,000 and conceivably \$100,000,000 if the power and water consumption per capita continues to increase as it has. He asked the Council to consider the organization of a Utility Advisory Board, to be equivalent in some respects to a corporate board of directors to manage this business but recognizing the Board must be an advisory board to the City Council. The Board would work in an advisory capacity to provide additional management, counsel, advice, service and study, to the City Council, to assure the citizens that the Utility Systems can be kept on a sound basis. MR. W. A. JACKSON recommended that such a committee be established by a separate ordinance. By the time the Electric System is really a big business, there would be a Board with experience, know-how, and ability to give the Council sound recommendations particularly for the financial administration of the Utility Systems. MESSRS. E. W. JACKSON, HOWARD COX, JOHN SCURLOCK, and WILLARD HOUSER were present representing a portion of this group. Councilman LaRue asked Mr. Houser if this might strengthen the revenue bonds. Mr. Houser answered it

definitely would. MR. WROE pointed out they were interested in maintaining the good rating Austin has on its revenue bonds, and keeping the interest costs down, by demonstrating to the bond buyers that the Council and the Administration are taking all the steps possible to run the utilities in the most business like manner possible.

MR. WROE suggested a board of eleven people to provide balanced experience and to assure a quorum. The composition of this Board or Commission could be five representatives of the public at large, particularly in the professional fields, but generally the public at large, two of the Presidents of the Savings and Loan Associations and four of the Presidents of the banks, serving three year terms, the minimum time for the members to become acquainted with and understand the intricacies. Ultimately the terms would be staggered possibly limiting the terms. He said this Committee could provide the financial counsel particularly at such time they know they are going to long-term money markets to provide money for power, water, business, industry and government and education, all of which are growing rapidly. The group should be charged originally with the financial field; then if the Council so elected, it could charge the committee with other policy matters in terms of methods of expansion of the system. The Board could study at length at budget time the transfer of utility funds to the General Funds. He asked the Council to start working on such a committee in order that it could be organized in the reasonably near future. In answer to Councilman Long's question, Mr. Wroe stated it would simplify the procedure if the membership were set up to be four bank presidents and two savings and loan presidents. The Council could appoint whom they wish from those office holders. There are eight bank presidents and five savings and loan presidents. By limiting the tenure there would automatically be rotation. He spoke on the work that could be done with the bond holders and bond analysts. Councilman White said this was a very good idea; and as the city continues expanding, this group could be a great help to the City Council. Mr. Wroe believed this group could be very helpful in future Bond elections. MR. HOUSER pointed out how the Utility Board in San Antonio helped the bond rating which is now AAA. Their rating on General Obligation Bonds was BB; now it is A. Councilman LaRue noted there was a difference in the Board, and asked if he still thought the Board Mr. Wroe proposed would improve Austin's position. Mr. Houser said it would be a great help to the City. Councilman LaRue compared this Board to the types of Commissions of the City as the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, and others; and stated this would be a ready made group ready to help out on bond issues; and with the three year terms, they would be overlapping with the Council elections. Councilman Long stated the other Boards and Commissions have been doing a fine job, and the largest business in the City should have had such a Board before; and it sounded like a good idea. MR. ED WROE said the group would be happy to work on the details with the City Attorney and the Council.

MAYOR PALMER regarding utility transfers, read from the current audit that since 1946 transfers to the General Fund had amounted to \$63,879,293.64. The percentage of transfers from the total revenue of the Utility System had been reduced from 50.43% in 1946-47 to 20.06% in 1966-67. The City realizes the importance of investing current earnings into the systems. Since 1949, when the Utility system bonds hit a bad market time, it has been possible to finance more out of the current earnings than was necessary to borrow. Every dollar borrowed for capital improvements eventually costs \$2.00. Every dollar paid out of the earnings saves the citizens the interest. He said this committee would be a tremendous help to any Council on this multi-million dollar utility, and he expressed appreciation for the interest of the bankers in this field.

Councilman LaRue moved that the City Attorney be instructed to bring in an ordinance as outlined by Mr. Ed Wroe. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

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 ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 3.87 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE S. J. WHATLEY SURVEY 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. (Unplatted land)

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, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 1966, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"December 21, 1966

"TO: Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr. - City Manager

SUBJECT: Bids on Substation Structure for Bee Creek Substation

"Bids were opened at 10:00 A.M., December 16, 1966, for a 69 KV Substation structure for Bee Creek Substation by the Purchasing Agent, and sent to the Electric Department for evaluation and recommendation.

"The Bids are tabulated below:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>DELIVERY</u>
Pennsylvania Transformer Division	\$34,912.00	30 - 32 weeks
Techline, Inc.	30,969.00	20 weeks
H. K. Porter Co.	41,252.00	40 - 42 weeks
H. K. Porter Co. (alternate)	51,421.00	40 - 42 "

<u>"VENDOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>DELIVERY</u>
Westinghouse Electric Co.	\$31,815.00	31 weeks
ITE Circuit Breaker Co.	32,223.00	20 "
Graybar Electric Co.	31,667.12	24 - 26 weeks
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.	31,126.00	14 - 16 "
Priester-Mell Company	<u>30,291.78</u>	18 - 20 "

"All bidders quoted a firm price. All terms were net 30 days except Graybar and Priester who quoted a discount of 1/2 of 1%. The discounted prices are shown in the tabulation. All deliveries were satisfactory.

"I recommend that we accept the low bid of Priester-Mell for \$30,291.78.

"From: D. C. Kinney - Dir. Electric Utility
Signed: D. C. Kinney"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on December 16, 1966, for a 69 KV Substation structure for Bee Creek Substation; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Priester-Mell Company in the sum of \$30,291.78 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 Company in the sum of \$30,291.78 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 Priester-Mell Company.

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"December 21, 1966

"TO: Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., - City Manager

SUBJECT: Bids on 12/16/20 MVA Unit Substation

"Bids were opened at 2:00 P. M., December 21, 1966, for four (4) 12/16/20 MVA Unit Substations proposed for installation for the 1968 Fiscal Year at Magnesium, Cardinal, Wheelless and North Substations by the Purchasing Agent, and sent to the Electric Department for evaluation and recommendation.

"The bids are tabulated below:

<u>"VENDOR</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>DELIVERY</u>
Pennsylvania Transformer Division	\$423,960.00	72 weeks
General Electric Company	420,120.00	51 weeks
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Company	417,760.00	52 weeks
Westinghouse Electric Corp.	417,512.00	68 weeks
ITE Circuit Breaker Corp.	455,500.00	64 weeks
Federal Pacific Electric Company	<u>403,600.00</u>	4th Oct. 67

"All bidders except Pennsylvania Transformer quoted a firm price for the delivery period. Pennsylvania Transformer quoted a firm price for one year with a maximum of 5% escalation for the delivery quoted. All terms were net 30 days.

"I recommend that we accept the low bid of Federal Pacific Electric Corporation of \$403,600.00 with the fourth quarter 1967 delivery.

"From: D. C. Kinney
Director Electric Utility
Signed: D. C. Kinney"

Councilman Long wanted to point out these electrical companies have certainly varied from their former practice of identical bids; and these look like real bids.

Councilman LaRue asked if the prices on the last bids were comparable. The City Manager reported the prices were rising, and this price averages \$100,900 a piece. He listed prices back to 1958:

1958	\$ 93,364	each
1963	72,200	
1964	83,000	
1965	88,800	
1966	100,900	

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on December 21, 1966 for four (4) 12/16/20 MVA Unit Substations proposed for installation for the 1968 Fiscal Year at Magnesium, Cardinal, Wheless and North Substations; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Federal Pacific Electric Corporation in the sum of \$403,600.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

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

That the bid of Federal Pacific Electric Corporation in the sum of \$403,600.00 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 Federal Pacific Electric Corporation.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

CONTRACT - DAVIS AIRLINES

The City Manager said DAVIS AIRLINES operates a commuter service between Dallas and College Station, Fort Worth and College Station, and others. They have been granted a permit to operate between Austin and Bryan-College Station Airport, and need terminal facilities at Austin. They propose to enter into the same kind of agreement that the airlines have with the City, same landing fees, same rental per square foot for counter space, for only a small area. Their planes carry four passengers, and they propose two planes each day, \$12.00 one way; \$24.00 round-trip per passenger. Councilman White asked what this would mean to the City. It was stated the City would receive landing fees, base rate, plus the rental of the counter space. This was recommended by the Director of Aviation. The City Manager submitted information on the company and pilots. Councilman White moved that the Council authorize the contract with DAVIS AIRLINES COMPANY for terminal facilities at the Airport. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

MAYOR PALMER recognized two government students from Austin High School, and one from the University of Texas.

DUPLICATE MOVING TRAFFIC TICKETS

Councilman Long again brought up her suggestion of sending duplicate copies of moving traffic tickets to parents of teenagers, stating the percentage of teenager violations was fairly low -- around 258 in October. She suggested that possibly the Corporation Court Clerk could handle this procedure, sending a copy of the tickets "To the Parents of _____, Address _____". Her suggestion was that this apply to those 18 years of age and under including the parents of the University students. She believed this would be most helpful in many aspects. The City Manager asked if it were the intent only to inform the parents of their teenagers' violations, or to make the ticket invalid unless the parents receive a copy. If the validity of the ticket were affected, an ordinance would have to be passed. Councilman Long stated her suggestion was a matter of informing the parents. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to inform the Corporation Court Clerk that the Council voted that they be requested to send duplicate tickets of all moving traffic violations of teenagers 18 years or under, to their parents. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman LaRue stated at the beginning he was not too much in favor of this; but after getting a number of calls from many parents, it may be of some benefit. He said his first reaction was this was more or less a guided missile weighing some 4 or 5,000 pounds; and if it were turned over to this individual, certainly it would be a responsible one or should be. It is recognized that this is not true sometimes, as the driver may-be only 16. If this policy should prevent even one accident from happening, it would be worth

the attempt.

Mayor Palmer stated there is some proposed legislation that will come in state-wide calling attention to the general public that it is useless to be killing as many people as are being killed on the State Highways and public streets.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION - BRIDGE OVER LAGOON

Councilman Long referred to a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board that a bridge be constructed across the Lagoon south of Fiesta Gardens, to join the two playgrounds from the north and south on the sand beach reserve. Councilman Long moved that their recommendation be accepted and that the City Manager be asked to proceed as rapidly as possible so that by summer this will be completed and there will be a road which will benefit the parks and playground; also it will benefit the Fiesta Gardens in that there will be a road there.

Councilman Shanks inquired of the source of funds, and if there were competent estimates on the building of the bridge. Councilman Long said there was \$70,000 in the budget. It was brought out this amount was not budgeted but was a bond item. Councilman White discussed the parking area. The City Manager described the activities to be carried on in the two areas--in that a playground for small children would be on the east side; and a display, exhibit and adult viewing area would be on the west. Councilman Shanks foresaw complete runiation of the swimming beach area if a lot of parking were put on that site.

Councilman White seconded the motion. The City Manager reported it would be impossible to construct this bridge by summer, as it needs to be designed, and engineers employed. The Recreation Director said with the ultimate use of Holly Beach, it would be impossible to park these 500 cars that the City has committed itself to provide for Fiesta Gardens on that end, and have this general recreation program. Councilman Shanks inquired about the Architects' concept of Town Lake, and asked to see the recommendation in writing. If they had not worked with the Architects he asked that the A.I.A. be requested to study this and give the Council a report. The Recreation Director said it was his view that the City should first acquire all of the property it will need ultimately, this being the first asset. His theory was that if the City did not have this little piece of private land, there would emerge some commercial use--a hamburger or hot dog stand, stuck right into the whole area. Councilman White said he had no fear of any hamburger stands' going in there, as that could be stopped by condemnation and purchase of the land. Councilman LaRue noted the conflict in theory as how much should be expended for future generations as opposed to the amount spent for the present. He had a tendency to continue to buy land because it would be less now; but he also wanted to keep in mind there is a responsibility to the people now to develop some of the land for them. The Director of Recreation discussed the financing stating he saw no money now for the development of Holly beach; and a good portion of it is reserved for storage for the electric system for a number of years. Councilman Long stated the people should be able to use the land whether it is developed or not, and not be kept off by a gully or built-in canal. Mayor Palmer said the majority of the Council had voted that anything further that is done on Town Lake was to be

submitted to the A.I.A. for the consideration, and he would not vote to bypass that policy. Councilman LaRue suggested holding this matter in abeyance a week until they could review the Minutes on this policy. Councilman Long withdrew her motion until the following week, stating in the meantime she would contact the A.I.A. Councilman Shanks suggested that the Council meet with the A.I.A.

POLICY OF PRESERVATION OF TREES

Councilman Long submitted another matter dealing with Parks and Recreation, the eight point policy for the protection of trees and shrubs on leased city land. Councilman Long moved that the Council accept the recommendations of the City Manager and asked that it be adopted as policy:

POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF TREES AND SHRUBS ON LEASED CITY LAND

1. Furnish City of Austin for approval plot plan of proposed development showing native trees and shrubs to be saved and those to be destroyed.
2. All trees and shrubs to be saved are to be protected by a barrier during construction period.
3. Air space for feeding and watering trees in paved or construction area shall be a minimum of 100 sq. ft. or 10 sq. ft. per inch caliper of tree trunk.
4. All area under the drip line of a tree to be covered by construction to be pre-fed with 10-5-5 fertilizer at the rate of 1" lbs. per sq. yd. of surface covered.
5. Trees are to be pruned and maintained by leasee to natural shape.
6. A fill of over 6 inches over-existing soil elevation shall not be permitted except a tree well be constructed to meet air space requirements.
7. City of Austin will provide consultation by Parks and Recreation Department horticulturist as to the proper conservation of trees and shrubs and will have the right to inspect tree conditions from time to time and make recommendation on care and maintenance of trees and shrubs.
8. City of Austin may ask leasee to re-plant or replace any dead or destroyed tree.

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

OFF STREET PARKING-KOENIG LANE

Councilman Long brought up a matter on off street parking on Koenig Lane stating the Council agreed if the policy that voluntary off street parking during the busy hours did not work, they would give it a second look. Councilman Shanks said there should be an up to date report from the Traffic Engineer. After discussion, Councilman Long moved that the Traffic Engineer be asked to recommend a solution for the traffic congestion within the next two weeks on Koenig Lane. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

SPEEDING MIRA LOMA LANE 6800

Councilman Long reported speeding and wreckless driving on Mira Loma in University Hills off of 290 and there have been three wrecks in three months. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be requested to have the Traffic and Transportation Department make a study of what could be done to slow the traffic down--stop signs, slow signs, speed limit signs, or whatever is necessary, in the 6800 block of Mira Loma, just off Highway 290. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

INFORMATIONAL LETTER FROM URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Mayor Palmer read a letter from the Urban Renewal Agency, stating in order that it might keep the Council abreast of its progress within the Kealing Urban Renewal Projects, and its efforts to inform the public of Urban Renewal Activities, they were enclosing pictures appearing December 22, 1966, in the Capital City Argus News Paper, concerning the present activities within the Kealing Project. A question and answer column has been appearing weekly concerning all Urban Renewal matters. Their office is prepared to keep all members of the Council informed on all progress of the projects and welcome a call or visit at any time. The Mayor passed the clippings around to other members of the Council.

PROPERTY 15TH STREET RIGHT OF WAY

The City Attorney discussed the purchase of property for the 15th Street Expressway from MRS. EDGAR TOBIN, at the corner of Windsor Road and Enfield. The original plan required a large amount of land from the corner. He had a sketch showing the area needed for the first phase of construction; also the next phase which showed the route going right through the improvements. He said it is necessary to purchase the part that has to be acquired for the first phase, and pay damages, as the land now has access; but after the construction it would be off grade. It would be unwise to pay for that part of land plus damage, when the entire property could be acquired without going back and paying damages again and buying the property at an enhanced value. Mrs. Tobin's Attorney advises they will take the City's appraised value per square foot in its entirety

(between 70,000 and 80,000 square feet) plus \$5,000 for all improvements. He stated this was the recommendation to the Council. He said there would be a considerable savings to the City not to have to pay damages for the remainder of the tract and not to have to buy it at an enhanced value. Councilman Long asked for the tax appraisal, the address, the square footage, and wanted to see the three appraisals brought in on the property. The City Attorney stated the property would have to be acquired before the contractor goes to work, bids on the overpass and the connecting roadways, will be taken about the 15th of January.

Mayor Palmer read a letter addressed to the MAYOR and the people, enclosing Seasons' Greetings from Elvis and the Colonel, 1966. Councilman LaRue moved that the letter be presented to Councilman Long. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Present but not voting: Councilman Long

Mayor Palmer read a letter from MR. ROOSTER ANDREWS, regarding the presentation of the award that was bestowed on the Council, the Mayor, and the Recreation Director, stating it is a great tribute to the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Austin and to the City Council. The organization presenting this award is one of the finest in the world.

The Council had before it a resolution authorizing eminent domain proceedings on the Marvel Green property on Parkway for the 15th Street Expressway. It was stated this was the last piece of property on Parkway that would be acquired. Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin has found that public necessity requires the opening of a thoroughfare to extend West 15th Street westerly from West Avenue to provide for the free and safe flow of traffic within the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has found and determined that public necessity requires the acquisition of the hereinafter described tract of land for right-of-way to permit the opening and extending of West 15th Street west of West Avenue in the City of Austin and for other municipal purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has negotiated with the owner of said land and has been unable to agree with such owner as to the fair cash market value thereof; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file or cause to be filed against the owner and lienholders, a suit in eminent domain to acquire fee simple title for said purposes to the following described tract of land, to-wit:

Lot Five (5), and the north Seven (7) feet of Lot Six (6), Enfield "X", a subdivision of part of Outlots Six (6) and Eight (8), Division "Z", an addition in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Book 3, Page 204, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

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

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

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

The Council adjourned at 12:00 Noon subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Leota E. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk