

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

May 19, 1966
9:50 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Pro Tem Shanks presiding.

Roll call:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Shanks announced this was a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of passing a resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Shanks stated Austin has been quite fortunate in having two great Mayors, so to speak, back to back. It had the illustrious TOM MILLER and now it has its own LESTER E. PALMER, one of the most dedicated persons he knew, and every member on this Council feels this same way. MAYOR PALMER is a compassionate man, a hard working man, thoughtful, and one who feels his only duty is to the entire population of the City of Austin. He is a man who looks after all people regardless of race, creed or color. He withstands the pressure groups, with the thought in mind of only the good of the City of Austin. The Mayor Pro Tem said it was his personal pleasure as well as the collective pleasure of the Council at this time to adopt this resolution which recognized his tireless devotion through countless hours of toil, his keen discernment, his great attributes of leadership, his broad vision, his compassion and humbleness and genuine personal concern in serving the true best interest of all his fellowmen, and which have distinguished the Honorable LESTER PALMER as one of those great and good men whose lives have indescribably enriched the lives of those who have come to stay or who merely pass this way. His fellow citizens and hosts of friends want to set aside a time for recognition for the beloved LESTER PALMER, and the City Council has proclaimed Saturday, May 28, 1966, as LESTER PALMER DAY. Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, from generation to generation, great and good men and women have, by unselfish contributions of labor and genius, kept alive those distinctive qualities of the common good which gladden the hearts of those who are acquainted with the reality which causes Austin to be known in all hemispheres as "The Friendly City"; and

WHEREAS, his tireless devotion through countless hours of toil; his keen discernment; his great attributes of leadership; his broad vision; his compassion and humbleness; and his genuinely personal concern in serving the true best interest of all his fellow men, have distinguished the Honorable Lester Palmer as one of those great and good men whose lives have indescribably enriched the lives of those who come to stay or who merely pass this way; and

WHEREAS, his fellow servants, and hosts of other friends, want especially to set aside a time for grateful recognition of our beloved Lester Palmer; Now, Therefore,

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

That Saturday, the Twenty-Eighth day of May, 1966 be set apart and especially celebrated in Austin as

"LESTER PALMER DAY"

The Council by standing vote adopted the resolution.

MAYOR PALMER stated he had always felt that no Mayor, by himself, or no one vote by itself could do anything for the City of Austin. He had always tried in everything that had been done or accomplished to play as a team, and it was his hope and desire that the Council would always work that way. He said the City Council tried desperately hard to serve the public interest although many times it is difficult to reconcile the public's interest against the individual's interest. When any government ever gets larger than its one citizen, it is too large to be effective. Each individual must always be considered. Whatever has been done for the City of Austin has been done as a team; and with the many problems that seem to have no solution each of the Council has to seek divine guidance many times; and he sincerely hoped that some of the decisions were guided in the right channel. He expressed gratitude to the Council for declaring this particular day in his behalf.

The Council adjourned the Special Meeting and went into the Regular Meeting.

APPROVED: _____

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



City Clerk