

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

May 26, 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 WALTER J. DALTON, St. Austin's Catholic Church.

The Mayor announced it was 10:00 A.M. and bids would be opened on equipment for the new Power Plant. Bids were opened and read on the following:

## Contract X-109 - Air Compressors

	<u>Bidding Unit # 1</u>	<u>Bidding Unit # 2</u>	<u>Escalation</u>
Central Texas Eqpt. Co.	\$22,377.00	\$600.00	Firm 1st Yr. - 20% Cal. Yr. Thereafter
Joy Manufacturing Co.	\$22,747.00	\$500.00	Firm 1st Yr. - 10% Cal. Yr. Thereafter

## Contract X-110 - Traveling Water Screens

	<u>Bidding Unit # 1</u>	<u>Bidding Unit # 2</u>	<u>Escalation</u>
Rex Chain Belt Co., Inc.	\$36,394.00	\$502.00 1 day \$103.00 extra day	- - -
Link Belt Company	\$36,773.00	\$106.00	Firm

## Contract X-132 - Bar Screen Trash Rakes

	<u>Bidding Unit # 1</u>	<u>Bidding Unit # 2</u>	<u>Escalation</u>
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.	\$36,125.00	\$185.00 on 5 days Min.	Firm
Link-Belt Company	\$10,819.00	\$100.00	Firm
Rex Chain Belt Co., Inc.	\$14,970.00	\$502.00 - 1 day \$103.00 Add. day	- - -

The bids were referred to the Consulting Engineer and Director of Electric Utilities for evaluation.

Later in the meeting the City Manager received the report from the Consulting Engineer on the bids opened at 10:00 A.M. for equipment for Decker Creek Power Station, Unit No. 1.

The City Manager submitted the following:

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"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager  
City of Austin  
Austin, Texas

"Subject: Air Compressors, Contract No. X-109  
Decker Creek Power Sta., Unit No. 1  
Our No. CA-0003

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"Brown & Root, Inc., evaluated bids on subject contract opened by you at 10:00 A.M., in open council meeting on May 26, 1966.

"Bids were submitted as follows:

	<u>Bidding Unit # 1</u>	<u>Bidding Unit # 2</u>	<u>Escalation</u>
Central Texas Eqpt. Co.	\$22,377.00	\$600.00	Firm 1st Yr. - 20% Cal. Yr. Thereafter
Joy Manufacturing Co.	\$22,747.00	\$500.00	Firm 1st Yr. - 10% Cal. Yr. Thereafter

"Neither bidder took specific exception to the specifications. Our review indicates however, that the offering of the Joy Manufacturing Company does not comply fully with the specifications with respect to the discharge pressures stipulated.

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"It is therefore recommended on the basis of best and lowest bid in accordance with the specifications, and satisfactory delivery, that a contract be awarded to Central Texas Equipment Company for furnishing equipment manufactured by Chicago Pneumatic for the sum of \$22,377.00 which is subject to escalation.

"Yours very truly,

BROWN & ROOT, INC.  
s/ D. V. Boyd  
D. V. Boyd

APPROVED:

s/ D. C. Kinney  
D. C. Kinney, Dir. Elec. Utility"

The City Manager stated both the Director of Electric Utilities and he concurred in this recommendation. Councilman Long moved to award the contract to CENTRAL TEXAS EQUIPMENT COMPANY for furnishing Air Compressors, Decker Creek Power Station No. 1 for the sum of \$22,377.00. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"May 26, 1966

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager  
City of Austin  
Austin, Texas

"Subject: Traveling Water Screens, Contract  
No. X-110 - Decker Creek Power Sta.,  
Unit No. 1 - Our No. CA-0003

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"Brown & Root, Inc., evaluated bids on subject contract opened by you at 10:00 A.M. in open council meeting on May 26, 1966.

"Bids were submitted as follows:

	<u>Bidding Unit # 1</u>	<u>Bidding Unit # 2</u>	<u>Escalation</u>
Rex Chain Belt Co., Inc.	\$36,394.00	\$502.00 1 day \$103.00 extra day	---
Link Belt Company	\$36,773.00	\$106.00	Firm

"Exceptions were taken by the Rex Chain Belt Co., Inc., regarding the delivery schedule and the demurrage charges.

"Therefore, it is recommended that on the basis of the best and lowest bid in accordance with the specifications, firm price and satisfactory delivery, that a contract be awarded to Link Belt Company for Contract No. X-110 bidding Unit No. 1 for the lump sum of \$36,773.00.

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"Yours very truly,  
BROWN & ROOT, INC.  
s/ D. V. Boyd  
D. V. Boyd

"APPROVED:

s/ D. C. Kinney  
D. C. Kinney, Dir. Elec. Utility"

The City Manager said this was the recommendation of the Director of Electric Utilities, as well as his. Councilman White moved that the Council award the contract to LINK BELT COMPANY for furnishing the Traveling Water Screens, Unit No. 1 for the lump sum of \$36,773.00. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"May 26, 1966

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager  
City of Austin  
Austin, Texas

"Subject: Bar Screen Trash Rake, Contract  
No. X-132 - Decker Creek Power  
Sta., Unit No. 1 - Our No. CA-0003

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"Brown & Root, Inc. evaluated bids on subject contract opened by you at 10:00 A.M. in open council meeting on May 26, 1966.

"Bids were submitted as follows:

	<u>Bidding Unit #1</u>	<u>Bidding Unit # 2</u>	<u>Escalation</u>
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.	\$36,125.00	\$185.00 on 5 da Min.	Firm
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"Exceptions were taken by the Rex Chain Belt Co., Inc., regarding the delivery schedule and the demurrage charges.

"Therefore, it is recommended that on the basis of the best and lowest bid in accordance with the specifications, firm price and satisfactory delivery, that a contract be awarded to Link Belt Company for Contract No. X-132, bidding Unit No. 1 for the lump sum of \$10,819.00.

"Yours very truly,  
BROWN & ROOT, INC.

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"s/ D. V. Boyd  
D. V. Boyd

## APPROVED:

s/ D. C. Kinney  
D. C. Kinney, Dir. Elec. Utility"

The City Manager said this was his recommendation and was also the recommendation of the Director of Electric Utilities. Councilman White moved that the Council award the contract to LINK BELT COMPANY for Contract No. X-132, bidding Unit No. 1, for the lump sum of \$10,819.00. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Long moved that MR. S.C. BARTLETT, President of the Heritage Society be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. BARTLETT announced the Heritage Society of Austin Antique Show will open Friday, May 27th, at the Crest Hotel and continue through Saturday. It is a fund raising effort for restoration projects.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of May 12, 1966 be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

## (RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on maps or plats of Northwest Hills Section 6, Northwest Hills Section Seven and Northwest Hills Mesa Oaks Phase Two, said Northwest Hills Section 6 being of record in Book 15 at Page 63 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, said Northwest Hills Section Seven being of record in Book 26 at Page 32 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, and said Northwest Hills Mesa Oaks Phase Two being of record in Book 23 at Page 33 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, a certain street, extending from Far West Boulevard in an easterly direction 2,910 feet, more or less, to the corporate limit line of the City of Austin, is designated as Northhills Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the owners of lots abutting the hereinafter described street have requested that the name of Northhills Drive be changed to North Hills Drive; Now, Therefore,

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

That the name of the following described street, designated as Northhills Drive, as the same appears on the maps or plats of Northwest Hills Section 6, Northwest Hills Section Seven and Northwest Hills Mesa Oaks Phase Two, be and the same is hereby changed to North Hills Drive, said street so changed being described as follows:

All that certain street in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, known as Northhills Drive, as shown on maps or plats of Northwest Hills Section 6, Northwest Hills Section Seven and Northwest Hills Mesa Oaks Phase Two, subdivisions of portions of the T. J. Chambers Grant and the George W. Davis Survey in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Northwest Hills Section 6 of record in Book 15 at Page 63 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, a map or plat of said Northwest Hills Section Seven of record in Book 26 at Page 32 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, and a map or plat of said Northwest Hills Mesa Oaks Phase Two of record in Book 23 at Page 33 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; which certain street known as Northhills Drive extends from Far West Boulevard in an easterly direction 2,910 feet, more or less, to the corporate limit line of the City of Austin.

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

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) ONE (1) ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2207-2213 ANDERSON LANE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT;
  - (2) 16,456 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, LOCALLY KNOWN AS REAR OF 7711-7725 BURNET ROAD, FROM "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT;
  - (3) LOT 6, BLOCK 2 OF THE HARPER'S RESUBDIVISION, FROM "BB" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT;
  - (4) THE NORTH 25 FEET OF LOT 6 AND THE SOUTH 15 FEET OF LOT 8 OF THE JEFFERSON STREET ADDITION, FROM "LR" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT;
  - (5) THE SOUTH 37.5 FEET OF LOT 8 AND THE NORTH 19 FEET OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, OF THE SMYTH'S ADDITION OF OUTLOT 75, FROM "BB" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE DISTRICT;
  - (6) LOT 9 AND THE EAST 25 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK 8 OF THE SILLIMAN SUBDIVISION, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT;
  - (7) LOTS 8 AND 9, BLOCK 3 OF THE SILVERTON HEIGHTS, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; AND
  - (8) LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 3, SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOT 4, FROM "D" INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO "C-2" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT;
- ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING SITUATED 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 LaRue 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, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

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

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

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

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS:  
A TRACT OF LAND LOCALLY KNOWN AS 6205-6227 MANOR ROAD AND 6109-6121 CHERRYLAWN CIRCLE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; 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 LaRue 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, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

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

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

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

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954, AS FOLLOWS: LOT 2, BLOCK 3, OF THE GLENWOOD ADDITION, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING SITUATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

After an explanation by the City Attorney on Section 31(b) of Chapter 39 of the Austin City Code concerning the vote on this change the ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Shanks moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Palmer brought up the following zoning application pending from last week:

GEORGE K. HOOPER & JIMMIE WALLACE By Grigsby & Co.	1601-1605 Shoalcreek Blvd. From "O" Office 1st Height & Area To "O" Office 2nd Height & Area RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
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The City Attorney stated MR. RICHARD BAKER, representing the owners, provided a restrictive covenant restricting the maximum height of the building 25' from the highest point. Mr. Baker stated his clients preferred listing the highest point rather than midway, as they would have something definite from which to measure, and they reduced the height from 35' to 25'. Councilman Long moved that the Council grant the change to "O" Office 2nd Height and Area with the 25' limitation which Mr. Baker filed. 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 change had been granted to "O" Office 2nd Height and Area with the 25' limitation which Mr. Baker filed.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN HEIGHT AND AREA AND CHANGING THE HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS: TWO TRACTS OF LAND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 29,000 SQUARE FEET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1601-1605 SHOAL CREEK BOULEVARD, FROM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; 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 White, carried by the following vote:

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

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 White, carried by the following vote:

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

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long 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.

At 10:30 A.M. the Mayor opened the hearing on the ordinance annexing FLOURNOY'S SWEETBRIAR, SECTION 2. No one appeared to be heard. Councilman Long moved that the hearing be closed. 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 first 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 10.53 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE WM. CANNON LEAGUE IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE. (Flournoy's Sweetbriar, Sec. 2)

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 White, carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

No action was taken on the following zoning application until the Council could make an on site inspection:

CITY OF AUSTIN

1600-1706 East 51st Street  
5100-5132 Berkman Drive

From "A" Residence  
To "GR" General Retail  
(or any more restric-  
tive district)  
**RECOMMENDED "BB"**  
Residence by the  
Planning Commission

The City Manager reported on Medicare, reading from information from the Hospital Administrator. A meeting was held with representatives of ERNEST & ERNEST, CPA Accounting Firm in behalf of Blue Cross, and the Director of Finance, Assistant Director of Finance, Assistant Administrator of Business Affairs of the Hospital and Mr. Tobias. Their preliminary determination of reimbursement rate was calculated to be on the ratio of cost to charges at a 99% figure, but did not include a plus 2% allowance which would enable the amount to reach 101% of charges. The amount finally agreed upon for reimbursement was 100% should the City participate in Medicare.

A computation of estimated advance payment based on 24% of patient days for patients 65 and over, applied to gross charges was estimated to be \$87,000. At the end of the Fiscal year, it is anticipated the ratio percentage would be less than 100% of charges which would result in a contract allowance. The Hospital Administrator had expressed hope that on the basis of this information, the recommendation of the Advisory Board of Trustees that Brackenridge participate in Medicare would be approved. This would enable Brackenridge Hospital to continue as an unrestricted Hospital serving the community. The City Manager explained the \$87,000 would be deposited by the Federal Government through Blue Cross with the City for working capital. Mr. Tobias' letter was accompanied by a document which had many questions and answers, and which concluded over a six months' period the allowable gross revenue was \$2,208,736, and expenditures were \$2,286,461 and that is the 99% ratio. Two percent can be added to recover the charges; and on that basis the Hospital would receive the full payment of its charges. Mr. Tobias' letter indicates this is preliminary work. The figure is based on the actual expenses throughout the year and at the end of the year would be adjusted and the ratio percentage perhaps would be less than the 100%. Whatever sum less than 100% would be a contract allowance, or the City would make up the difference. The recent study made was to determine if the charges were just sufficient to cover the expenses, and it was found in this preliminary study that the expenses were 99% of the charges. It is believed the expenses will be a little more than the charges by the end of the year.

The City Manager stated even on 100% reimbursement the Hospital would not be reimbursed fully for its expenses. The first \$40.00 will be borne by the person or by the City--not by the Government. After 60 days of hospitalization, the 61st through the 90th day, the City or patient will have to pay \$10.00 per day of the room charges. Also if a patient goes into a private room because there are no semi-private rooms available, the hospital cannot charge the fee for a private room. No private duty nursing would be reimbursed and it is uncertain if the extra nursing in the intensive care would be provided or not. Councilman Shanks stated the public must realize this is not an umbrella that will take care of it 100%; that people have some responsibility of taking care of themselves. He

asked if Medicare would increase the number of average days of patients in the Hospital. Mr. Tobias stated under Old Age Assistance, the average did creep up a day; and under Medicare it probably would increase.

The City Manager pointed out the language of 100% reimbursement does not mean that, as someone will have to pay the first \$40.00 of every bill, and \$10.00 per diem room rate after the first 60 days through 90 days; and after 90 days the government pays no part of the cost. The purpose of the study was to determine if the charges were fair, and the accountants agree they are on a 100% basis; and it is still subject to review at the end of the year.

Councilman LaRue asked for figures to arrive at the 99%. The City Manager reviewed the gross amount of charges (not collections, as about 30 or 40% are not collected as this amount includes indigents) for the six months period as \$3,336,492. The expenses were \$2,365,454.

He listed the non-allowable expenses which included the money involved in the Pathology and Radiology Departments, totalling \$127,736; and the expense of the cafeteria at \$68,621, which amounted to an expense of \$2,169,097. Allowable depreciation was added, making the total allowable expense \$2,186,461, against \$2,208,736 Revenue. Councilman LaRue stated if these two figures had been identical, the percentage would have been 100% instead of 99%.

Councilman White asked if there would not be more accounting to be done if the Hospital went into Medicare, and if a lot more personnel would not have to be added. Mr. Tobias stated this was being evaluated. A pro rata of this extra cost would be included in the Hospital expense.

Councilman Shanks asked if it were known how the net income would be affected, based on these figures, extra patients, length of patients' care, etc. The City Manager stated it would be hard to forecast this, since the hospital ran full occupancy anyway, and they might not be able to take care of these extra patients.

The City Manager discussed a conflict between the Texas Medical Association and the Texas Hospital Association as to procedure of operation of the Pathologists and Radiologists Departments, in that the TMA passed a resolution declaring it unethical for the hospital to bill for the doctors' pathology, radiology or anesthesiology services, claiming the government would not pay for unethical practices. The Texas Hospital Association contends there has been no change in the Medical Practice Act and no applicable court decisions rendered on the legality of present arrangements, and that Association points out disadvantages to the patient, increasing costs, higher administrative costs, and separation of fees will deprive patients of coverage now provided in their hospital plan, etc. One group argues that the hospital cannot have Medicare unless it changes its contracts; and the other group argues that it can. The Mayor stated until that is resolved, there is a recommendation from the Advisory Board that Brackenridge Hospital go into the Medicare Program and use Blue Cross as the intermediary. Councilman Long moved that the City of Austin participate in the Medicare Program and that the Council declare its intent, and that Blue Cross be chosen as the Fiscal Intermediary. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Shanks stated the way he understood this, it was a motion of intent and the details would be worked out.

May 26, 1966

The City Manager submitted the following:

"May 9, 1966

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager  
Austin, Texas

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"Sealed bids were received until 11:00 A.M., Friday, May 6, 1966 at the Office of the Director of the Water and Sewer Department for the construction of approximately 4722 feet of 30-INCH CONCRETE STEEL CYLINDER WATER MAIN IN BALCONES DRIVE FROM PROPOSED ANDERSON LANE TO STECK AVENUE, IN STECK AVENUE FROM BALCONES DRIVE TO GRIST BOULEVARD AND IN U.S. HIGHWAY 183 FROM BURNET ROAD TO McCANN DRIVE. The purpose of this project is to provide water service to the growing Industrial and Subdivision Area in Burnet Road and U.S. Highway 183. The bids were publicly opened and read in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building, Austin, Texas.

"The following is a tabulation of bids received:

<u>"Firm</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Working Days</u>
Austin Engineering Company	\$110,729.96	70
Bland Construction Company	113,615.60	60*
Ford-Wehmeyer, Incorporated	123,939.00	75*
J. C. Evans Construction Company	125,571.00	80
Howard Stitch	184,548.77	150*
City of Austin (Estimate)	116,921.00	120

\* After Receipt of Materials

"It is recommended that the contract be awarded to the Austin Engineering Company on their low bid of \$110,729.96 with 70 working days.

"Yours truly,  
s/ Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.  
Victor R. Schmidt, Jr. Director  
Water and Sewer Department"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on May 6, 1966, for the construction of approximately 4722 feet of 30-inch concrete steel cylinder water main in Balcones Drive, from Anderson Lane to Steck Avenue, in Steck Avenue from Balcones Drive to Grist Boulevard and in U.S. Highway 183 from Burnet Road to McCann Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Austin Engineering Company, in the sum of \$110,729.96 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Water and Sewer Department of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager, Now, Therefore,

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

That the bid of Austin Engineering Company, in the sum of \$110,729.96, 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 Austin Engineering 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:

"Sealed bids opened 2:00 P.M., May 18, 1966  
Tabulated by: B. J. Bonds, Purchasing Agent

"CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Bids on Tractor-Loader-Backhoe Combination

	Bid No. 3557 Sanitary Sewer Division	Bid No. 3558 Water Distribution	Bid No. 3559 Water Distribu- tion
Description	Tractor-Loader Backhoe Comb.	Tractor-Loader Backhoe Comb.	Heavy Duty Tractor-Loader Backhoe Comb.
Quan.	1 Each	3 Each	1 Each
Trade-Ins.	1 Each	3 Each	1 Each
Girard Machinery & Supply	(Case) \$ 7,166.00	(Case) \$21,298.00	(Clark) <u>\$11,955.00</u>
Lanford Equipment	(Massey-Ferguson) \$ 7,494.06	(Massey Ferguson) \$22,140.16	No Bid
International Harvester	(I.H.) \$ 5,648.00	(I.H.) \$16,344.00	No Bid
Tom Fairey Company	(John Deere) \$ 7,282.00	(John Deere) \$20,646.00	No Bid
Travis County Equip. Company	(Ford) <u>\$ 5,166.58</u>	(Ford) <u>\$15,499.74</u>	No Bid
Pearce Equip.Co.	(Oliver) \$ 7,950.00	(Oliver) \$23,850.00	No Bid
Contractors Machinery	No Bid	No Bid	(Dynahoe) \$12,948.74

"All prices shown are net difference.

"This tabulation is submitted with the apparent low bids meeting the City of Austin specifications and conditions underscored."

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on May 18, 1966, for five Tractor-Loader-Backhoe Combination for use by the Sanitary Sewer Division and the Water Distribution Division of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Travis County Equipment Company in the sum of \$5,166.58 for one tractor-loader-backhoe combination and one trade-in, for the Sanitary Sewer Division, and in the sum of \$15,499.74 for three tractor-loader-backhoe combination and three trade-ins, for the Water Distribution, and the bid of Girard Machinery & Supply Company, in the sum of \$11,955.00 for one heavy duty tractor-loader-backhoe combination, for the Water Distribution Division, were the lowest and best bids therefor, and the acceptance of such bids 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 bids of Travis County Equipment Company and Girard Machinery & Supply Company, in the sums recited above, be and the same are hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute contracts, on behalf of the City, with said companies.

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

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

Noes: None

MR. GAYLE ESSARY, MR. ROGER WILSON, and incoming President, MR. E. M. LAWRENCE, Junior Chamber of Commerce suggested an ordinance providing compensation for City Councilmen. Austin is one of five or six cities over 200,000 in the Nation that has no compensation for its Council. Dallas and San Antonio pay \$20.00 a meeting not to exceed \$1,000 a year. The Jaycees commended the Council for serving without compensation, but do not think it is necessary. MR. ROGER WILSON urged the Council to pass an Ordinance that the members of the City Council to be elected in May, 1967 receive a minimum of \$20.00 per session or a maximum of \$1,000 a year. Mayor Palmer stated this should be initiated at the Citizens' level rather than by the Council members' voting an ordinance and that there should be an initiative petition asking that it be passed.

MRS. JANET REED, League of Women's Voters, stated there was a great deal of interest in this, and now is the time to pass such an ordinance, without having to get the 10% signatures. Councilman Long stated setting up a minimum amount of pay would be all right, but she would not wish to have such a limitation put upon a paid Council in an initiative to be put in the charter. If an initiative amendment were put in the charter, she would favor \$7,500 - \$10,000 for the Mayor and \$7,500 for the Council. The City is growing rapidly and takes almost 40 hours a week to attend to this job. She thought the future would create even greater demands on the Council; and if it were put to an initiative, she said she would oppose the \$20.00, as she would rather serve for nothing. The Mayor

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stated this was something to be looked into. Councilman Shanks called attention to the fact there was a sum of money available for expenses of the Council.

The Mayor read a letter from the Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects as follows:

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"Mayor Lester Palmer  
Calcasieu Lumber Company  
301 West Second  
Austin, Texas

"Honorable Mayor Palmer:

"The Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is aware of projects and problems facing the Austin Council in which our chapter of architects could lend assistance in research and study for your advice.

"With some reservations that we might sound presumptuous of your authority, we offer the services free of our Chapter Members, collectively, to be used at your direction in researching any plan or public space within the City.

"Respectfully yours,  
s/ William P. Chamlee  
William P. Chamlee, President  
Austin Chapter of A.I.A."

The Mayor suggested the Council accept their offer and ask if they would, within the next 60 days or less, submit to the Council if there are any publicly owned lands that would lend themselves to private use, commercial use for leasing purposes; or if all of this land should be retained for the good of the overall public. This would enable the Council to determine whether or not it should consider proposals and if they could serve a good public function. He stated this was a very generous offer from the AIA. Councilman Shanks' motion that the offer of the Austin Chapter of the AIA be accepted and that it be stipulated that the Council would like to have their report back in 60 days died for lack of a second.

Councilman LaRue moved to accept the offer of the AIA as tendered in its letter dated May 18, 1966 and signed by WILLIAM P. CHAMLEE, President. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager had a letter from MR. ROD KENNEDY, President of the Aqua Festival for 1966, asking for the use of the Coliseum Barn for storing the floats for the parade. The arrangement last year was a flat fee of \$250.00. The Auditorium Manager recommended increasing the fee to \$640.00 per month for the space. Last year the fee was set on the assumption there would be no rentals for the barn during that time. There is a large area now that is available. After discussion, Councilman White moved that the Auditorium Manager, Mr. Vickers, be permitted to proceed on the basis of flat fee of \$400.00 from June 15 to August 31st. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager announced the ceremony of opening ED BLUESTEIN BOULEVARD, at 10:00 A.M., May 27th.

Councilman Long moved that the Council authorize spraying the area in Travis Heights--Travis Heights Boulevard, Alta Vista, Mariposa, and other streets as set out in the petition. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Attorney discussed the K. C. MILLER property at 15th and West Avenue stating it could be obtained at a certain price and it is recommended that it be acquired at that amount. Councilman LaRue moved that the Council authorize the City Manager to acquire the property at this price. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Attorney discussed the Roland Freund apartment structure, and stated they had reached an impasse' unless the entire property is acquired. The price of acquisition of the entire property was listed, and he was told there was no point of negotiating further. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that the City purchase this going concern for \$100,500. (1510-12 Parkway, 15th Street Widening) The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor noted each member of the Council received a letter this morning from Mr. Pat Cain, regarding "Little Texas".

Discussion was held on selling the property at 27th and Guadalupe Street which was purchased for the widening of Guadalupe. Not all of the property has been acquired that is necessary to do the widening. Property to the north needs to have a strip taken off for right of way. The City owns the triangle at the corner, and leased it to the Moore Burger Drive-In. The inquiry comes from one who wants to assemble more than this one tract. The City Manager stated the City was definitely concerned in trying to work out something by which they could get the right of way farther north. Councilman Long suggested to proceed in that direction. Councilman White stated they should give the lessee a chance to buy the property as he did have an option, but let it go so as to build the second stand. The City Attorney stated if the property is to be sold, he should be given the opportunity to buy it. Mayor Palmer was concerned about the Urban Transportation Plan for this area, and it was stated this tract would not be involved. Councilman



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Long moved to authorize the City Manager to have the City Attorney explore the possibility of selling this with the idea if this man is putting a package of land together, with the idea of getting more right of way to the north on Guadalupe, and see if some trade can be worked out. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager stated the City had some property south of 29th Street east of Lamar which was acquired for widening and possibly an abutment for a future grade separation. It will be sometime before that project will develop. MR. BILL GASTON has inquired about leasing this property contingent upon proper zoning, as the use would be for storage of boats, motors and trailers on Shoal Crest Avenue. There are some city properties and an alleyway which Mr. Gaston has been using between his store and Lamar. Councilman Long wanted to look at the property before it was submitted to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Palmer read a letter from MR. KENNETH LAMKIN, stating the East Austin Council on Community Affairs was submitting names of Austin citizens from which the Council may see fit to choose for persons to serve on the proposed Commission on Inner Group relations.

The Assistant City Manager submitted a request from the Eanes Independent School District to use some tax records to obtain a list of personal property in that School District. Last year the identical request came before the Council and it was turned down as it would be setting a precedent, as there were a number of other school districts outside the Austin Independent School District which would want the same privilege. It would have taken \$1500 to cover the City's cost to furnish this. The Tax Assessor does not recommend this. Also the information will not be ready until August. The Mayor stated if they were willing to pay what it cost the City, he saw no objection to furnishing this information. The City Manager said copies of the cards could be made in case all eleven of the School Districts would want to use them. Councilman Long suggested furnishing a copy of the cards at \$250.00. It was pointed out the Austin Independent School District paid their pro rata share of the cost. The Assistant City Manager stated he would get more detailed information on all of this.

The City Manager reported part of the Planning Department is housed in the Western Republic Building, and part in the City Hall. The Planning Director has found additional space in the Western Republic Building; and by leasing this and moving to the building, the Planning Department would be all together. The proposal was for a three year lease and renewal on annual basis, at 24 cents a square foot, which includes air conditioning, utilities and custodial services. The total cost for this additional space plus the space already under lease will be around \$12,000 a year. An additional hall way area will be provided at no charge; and where vacant space is available it could be used for storage. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that a lease be entered into as outlined. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman LaRue and Councilman Long made inquiry if there were any long range plans about a new City Hall. The City Manager stated some rough studies had been made and the estimate runs into millions of dollars. Other pressures have been so great it would have been difficult to finance a new City Hall. He said they had tried to stay with the capital improvements plan which could be financed with the existing interest and sinking fund tax rate. He said he doubted if a building could be constructed and utilities and janitorial services provided for less than 24 cents a square foot. Councilman LaRue asked for information as to the amount of annual lease payments the City is making. The City Manager stated right now the only leases are for the Planning Department and the one for the Building Official.

Councilman Long recognized a long time City employee, MRS. LETA GARZA, who is retiring today with 18 years of service.

Councilman Long moved that the Council recess until 2:30 P.M. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

RECESSED MEETING

2:30 P.M.

At 2:30 P.M. the Council resumed its business and went into Executive Session.

After the Executive Session the Council appointed the following:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Term to expire June 1, 1968

MR. ED BLUESTEIN  
MR. W. A. WROE  
MR. EDGAR JACKSON  
MR. BARTON D. (Pat) RILEY

RETIREMENT BOARD

Term expires April 17, 1968

MR. WILLARD HOUSER  
MR. L. J. STRUHALL  
MR. W. P. WATTS

APPEAL BOARD

(Air-conditioning, Heating, Ventilating)

Term expires March 3, 1968

MR. B. SEGALL, JR., Consulting Engineer  
MR. C. R. BROWNLEE, Refrigeration Contractor  
MR. W. C. GAMMON, Property Owner  
MR. JOE BOYER, Heating, Air-conditioning and  
Ventilating Contractor  
MR. DICK JORDAN, Building Inspector

BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

MR. ALBERT GOULD

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Term expires June 1, 1967

MR. WILFORD TURNER

MR. W. L. MOORE

MR. JOHN KINGSBERRY

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Term expires June 11, 1971

MR. CHARLES MORTON

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Appointed and to serve until successor is named

MR. DAVID BARROW

MR. WALTER GUTTMAN

MRS. R. P. WAGNER

MR. S. A. GARZA

MR. T. A. MAYES

Ex Officio Members

MR. REUBEN ROUNTREE, Director of Public Works

MR. DEXTER KINNEY, Director of Electric Utilities

MR. VICTOR SCHMIDT, Director of Water & Sewer  
Distribution System

MR. ALBERT ULLRICH, Director of Water & Sewage  
Treatment Plant

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Term expires April 1, 1968

DR. D. K. BRACE

MRS. C. E. BROWNING

MRS. FAGAN DICKSON

MRS. FRANK ROBINSON

MR. HOWARD BARR

MR. PHILIP B. CREER

MR. JOE CARRINGTON, SR.

Councilman LaRue moved that the Council confirm the following appointed by the City Manager:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Term expires May 6, 1969

MR. JOHN D. MILLER

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The Council adjourned at 3:30 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

L. T. E. Palmer  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elin Woolley  
City Clerk