

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

September 23, 1966  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

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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

MAYOR PALMER announced this was a Special called Meeting of the City Council for the purpose of establishing the tax rate for the City of Austin for 1966.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 1966; AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long asked to make a statement to clear up some points from yesterday's discussion, concerning her remarks about placing all properties inside the City limits on the tax roll as being a political issue as charged by Councilman Shanks. She said as far as she was concerned, this was not a political issue. It came about by the fact Mr. Youngblood had been mentioned by people who admired him greatly as a candidate next year for the City Council.

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The question is whether he lives inside the City limits or out. Councilman Long said if he felt he lives inside the City, he would render his property. She said this brought to her mind something she did not know--that there were properties in the City limits that were not taxed. She said recently \$15,000 had been spent, joining in with the U.S. Geological Surveys which likewise contributed \$15,000 for topographical maps, and also \$22,000 was spent with the International Mapping Company to make maps of the upper lakes and other areas. With these maps and with the 5' contours shown, the City engineers could find out where these properties were, and that it was right and fair that all properties inside the City be taxed whether they got services or not. She did not believe anyone inside the City limits, even those on the rugged outlying areas where they get very few services had made any effort to be de-annexed.

The City Attorney stated that all of the properties known to be in the City are taxed and are on the tax rolls. Discussion was held on the City limit lines of the banks of the river on the contour line basis or on other bases.

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

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

The Council adjourned at 10:30 A.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

ATTEST:

Elsie Woosley  
City Clerk