



Austin City Council MINUTES

For SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - AUGUST 26, 1986 - 4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

City Council

Frank C. Cooksey
Mayor

John Treviño, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem

Council Members
Mark Rose
Smoot Carl-Mitchell
Sally Shipman
George Humphrey
Charles E. Urdy

Jorge Carrasco
City Manager

Elden Aldridge
City Clerk

Memorandum To:

Mayor Cooksey called to order the meeting of the Council, noting the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Trevino.

The Mayor announced the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on Capital Improvements Program, as well as a vote on an ordinance and an executive session.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

Dick Stanford, Friends of Mueller Airport, discussed revenue bond funding to improve the land site of the airport area. He said there is no crowding of the air site and wants the people to vote on \$80,000,000 in revenue bonds for improving the land site.

Dick Kemp, Golf Advisory Board, spoke against the removal of any golf courses. He said two more courses should be built at Lake Long.

Mayor Cooksey said he has suggested \$3,000,000 for golf course development in a bond election.

Willie Kocurek, Austin Area Garden Council, spoke for a road to the planned botanical gardens.

Homer Williams, president, Austin Area Garden Council, also told Council funds are needed for a road for the botanical gardens.

Sol Steinberg, Austin Area Garden Council, outlined the proposed road for the botanical gardens. Mayor Cooksey told him the road is a priority project for the 1986-87 CIP and is recommended by the City Manager.

Lydia Scales, member of the Alamo Recreation Center Board, asked for the cottage improvements approved in 1985. Mayor Cooksey requested a report and Mr. Jordan, Director of Parks and Recreation, told the Mayor the park had to be re-zoned, but the contract for renovations will begin in ten days.

Michael Kuhn, president, Capitol City Playhouse Board, asked for improvements to the Capitol City Playhouse to make it an art center. Cynthia Alexander, Arts Commission, said they support the Capitol City Playhouse. Vanessa Barnett supports the dance group in connection with the Capitol City Playhouse. Michel Jaroschy also spoke for the arts center in the Capitol City Playhouse.

Mayor Cooksey told the speakers he did not think money could be put into CIP at this time for Capitol City Playhouse, but a lot of planning and thought should be put into the project for funding at a later date.

Michael Scoggins, Milwood Neighborhood Association, said the City of Austin seems to have a "downtown park mentality" and nothing is planned for outlying neighborhood parks for ten years. He said outer City parks are needed.

General Marshall, Austin Golf Advisory Board, wants \$3-million put back in CIP for golf and for 36 holes at Lake Long.

Mary Arnold asked that funds be allocated to restore the Lion's Clubhouse at the Municipal Golf Course.

Bill Stotesberry, Austin Chamber of Commerce, discussed the enhancement to Republic Square Park as a dedication of Austin's Sesquicentennial. Sue Robinson, James Turner, and Nan McRaven all spoke concerning the upgrading of the park.

Mrs. Cecil Cabaniss spoke for the restoration and repair of the Old Bakery. So did Vera M. Bothager.

Mark Bierner, director of the Wild Basin, spoke about preservation of the area surrounding the Wild Basin.

Bo Byers, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Board, wants the tennis centers kept in repair and the courts re-surfaced. Mayor Cooksey said this should be a maintenance item. Mr. Jordan, Director of PARD, said this should be a maintenance item and should be in the operating budget every five years.

Mary Hurst discussed the Maldon Place area drainage project. She said it is long overdue as part of the Boggy Creek improvements and their land is going in the creek. One house, located at 2503 Webber Avenue, belonging to Ivory Pettitt Austin, is in danger of slipping into the creek soon.

Richard Ridings, Director of Public Works, said the project began in the late 70's and is a phased project. The design for the Maldon Place area is now complete, funds are available and work will begin in December. Mr. Ridings said there have been several construction delays thus far.

Cynthia Alexander spoke again, this time as a Friend of Carver Museum. She said they need \$3.5-million for the museum. O.B. Conley also spoke about the need for funds for the museum. Elouise Burrell also spoke about the museum.

Stuart Heady, Renaissance Market Commission, asked Council for \$20,000 for improvements to the market for umbrellas, restroom facilities, etc.

Mrs. Nellie Tellez spoke in support of a new Zaragosa Recreation Center. So did John Chitwood and Charles Ross. Charles Ross said he also favors funding for Carver Library, Hispanic Center, Norwood Center, Capitol City Playhouse and Republic Square.

The hearing will continue August 27, 1986 at 4:00 p.m.

REVENUE BONDS

The Council, on Councilmember Shipman's motion, Councilmember Rose's second, waived the requirement for three readings and finally passed an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 860626-H relating to City of Austin Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds Series 1986 B to delete certain references. (6-0 Vote, Councilmember Urdy out of the room, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino absent.)

CITY MANAGER REPORT POSTPONED

The City Manager Report on Waste to Energy Facility was postponed to August 27, 1986.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cooksey announced Council will go into executive session pursuant to Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and for personnel matters. No official action will be taken except in open session.

a. Pending Litigation Section 2, Paragraph e.

- (1) City of Austin vs Public Utility Commission
- (2) Overton, et al v. City of Austin

RECESS & ADJOURNMENT

Council recessed for executive session at 6:05 p.m. and adjourned its meeting at 7:30 p.m.