

MEMORANDUM TO:

Special
Council Meeting

10:00 A.M.
August 12, 1968

Councilman LaRue absent as he was out of the City.

Mayor Akin opened the Special Meeting called for the purpose of passing an ordinance repealing Ordinance 680517-A (Fair Housing Ordinance) through its final reading; introducing Ordinance 680812-A (Fair Housing Ordinance of the City of Austin); and passing Ordinance 680812-B, calling an election on October 19, 1968.

The Council, on Councilman Nichols' motion, Councilman Janes' second, voted that Ordinance 680808A, repealing Ordinance 680517A, be passed through its third reading. (3 to 1 to 0 vote, Councilman Long voting against the motion, and Councilman LaRue absent) Councilman Long stated in her voting "no" on repealing the ordinance, she was voting to send the ordinance as drawn by the Council in the past to a vote of the people as the Council was petitioned to do. Now that the ordinance had been repealed she said she was willing to vote along with the Council to call an election to send another similar ordinance to the vote of the people.

The City Attorney distributed copies of two ordinances for selection: one without exemption No. 3, and one with exemption 3. Councilman Nichols said the ordinance he was interested in was the one that tracks the Federal Law, including an exclusion which has to do with single family dwellings which are being sold or handled by the individual. The City Attorney explained there was no provision of the timing of the ordinance as it would become effective upon its passage. Councilman Nichols inquired about provisions of binding the Council to the results of the election, and the City Attorney explained Paragraph 3 of the Ordinance calling the election pledged that the Council would abide by the decision of the voters with respect to the enactment, or not, of the new and revised Fair Housing Ordinance. Councilman Long noted in the ordinance that is to be submitted to the people, the individual home owner was being excluded as it was in the original ordinance, but the rules and regulations implied in the first ordinance or clarified in the one to be submitted. The City Manager stated the revised ordinance includes some procedural changes recommended by the Human Relations Commission. Councilman Long stated the ordinance is so nearly like the one the Council was asked to submit to the voters, that it should not be objectionable to those signing the petition; and the best thing is not referring it is that it can be changed within the next two years without a vote of the people.

On Councilman Nichols' motion, seconded by Councilman Long, the Council introduced Ordinance 680812-A, "Fair Housing Ordinance of the City of Austin". (4 to 0 vote, Councilman LaRue absent.)

On Councilman Nichols' motion, the Council passed through all three readings Ordinance 680812-B, ordering an election on October 19, 1968, so that the voters of the City may approve or reject a proposed Fair Housing Ordinance.

Councilman Janes stated if inflammatory statements are made in the course of events between now and October 19th, that the electronic and news prints media be certain that the facts are represented properly.

On Councilman Nichols' motion, the Council adjourned at 10:22 A.M.