

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

October 23, 1961
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: Councilman Perry

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 REV. CARROL WEEDON, Assistant Pastor, First Baptist Church.

FATHER DONNELLY came before the Council asking that the bus service be reestablished in the area of Delores School, or particularly to the corner of Porter and Montopolis. The Mayor stated this area was served on a trial basis, and the bus service was costing the Transit Company too much to continue. Father Donnelly asked the procedure of starting a bus service in the area and of getting a franchise. The City Attorney explained the Charter provisions. Father Donnelly stated the population had increased, and there was a great need for bus service. Councilman White said he would talk to Mr. Malone, Manager of the Austin Transit, and see if he would resurvey the area and the possibility of putting the busses back out there. Father Donnelly said he wanted to encourage someone to go into his own bus business.

MR. R. L. TENNISON, 2206 Lovell Drive, made inquiry about the time set for the City's acquiring his property, stating there had been five appraisers from the City of Austin studying his property; and if the City is to purchase his property he wanted to know the approximate date, as he could not rebuild over night. It was explained to him that the appraisals have not been completed and that something will be worked out for him to have adequate time to make other arrangements, and he probably would be given permission to live on the premises for some time. The Mayor stated this property was being acquired for expansion of the airport and associated operations of the airport.

The Council set November 9, 1961, 10:30 A. M., as the date to hear the appeal of MRS. ALICE B. HOLMES from the Planning Commission decision to deny application for a special permit for construction of a filling station at Leon and West 24th Streets.

MR. E. P. MCGUCKIN came before the Council stating he is completing a new business structure at 2301 South Lamar, which would be a Dairy Queen Store, and the building is the nicest of design and structures. He said he had paved the whole lot, including a strip between his line and the curb line with asphalt and he wanted to get approval for this work. The Director of Public Works stated he had paved the sidewalk area with asphalt and the ordinance does not permit asphalt in the sidewalk area. Mr. McGuckin stated if he had to tear this paving out, he would have to leave the area bare. The Mayor said the Council would make a personal inspection of this location this afternoon.

MAYOR PALMER announced the appointment of MR. DAVID BARROW as chairman of the Town Lake Study Committee, stating he is serving the city now in many capacities. The Mayor emphasized the importance of this lake as one of the greatest assets the City has, and said the Committee would study the entire development of the lake from land use, water use, zoning and every other angle; would consider a name for the lake; reconsider the use of motorboats on the lake; concession rights; and other matters. Mr. Barrow asked if the Committee should invite different organizations in the city to make suggestions and recommendations, and then screen the suggestions before making a recommendation to the Council. The Mayor said many organizations and citizens were interested in the town lake and would make many suggestions which would ultimately clear through the Council's Committee. Mr. Barrow recommended the employment of an consultant to make an over-all plan of the lake. Councilman Shanks was in favor of this. Councilman Armstrong stated Austin had an enormous amount of talent that could be used at no cost to the City, and these people would be experts in that field. Councilman Armstrong stated he had received suggestions on lighting the bridges underneath and to have something real pretty and unusual. He suggested also on festive occasions that flags be flown on the bridge, and that permanent standards be erected, which standards would not obstruct traffic or make it a hazard. Mr. Barrow stated this committee would be working with private owners and trying to get their cooperation.

Mayor Palmer greeted and welcomed MRS. DAVID BARROW, MR. JOHN BARROW, and MISS KAY GURLEY.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 591029D PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, ON OCTOBER 29, 1959, PRESCRIBING RATES AND CHARGES FOR LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE SERVICE FURNISHED BY SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS.

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

carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer inquired if the city were working with the Telephone Company on changing of the name of Parkcrest to BALCONES DRIVE (From West 35th to U.S.183) and getting these addresses in the new telephone directory. The Director of Public Works stated his department was working with the Telephone Company, and he received a report there was only one objecting to the name change.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a partial release of the following described property:

Space in the small metal building under the Control Tower Structure, and a rectangular tract of land immediately North of the Control Tower, being 36 feet North and South by 28 feet East and West, bounded on the East by barbed wire fence along parking area, and containing 0.023 acre of land, more or less,

from License No. FA2-333 between the United States of America, Federal Aviation Agency dated March 26, 1959, and the City of Austin.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a certain easement for public utility purposes, was granted the City of Austin, in, upon and across the north five (5.00) feet of Lots 14-A, 15-A and 16-A of Enfield H South Extension, said Enfield H South Extension being a portion of the George W. Spear League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, a map or plat of said Enfield H South Extension being of record in Volume 4, at page 206 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owners of the above described property have requested the

City Council of the City of Austin to release all of the south 1.70 feet of the above described public utility easement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that said portion of said easement in, upon and across the above described property, is not now needed and will not be required in the future; Now, Therefore,

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

That W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the following described easement for public utility purposes, to-wit:

A strip of land 1.70 feet in width, same being out of and a part of Lots 14-A, 15-A and 16-A of Enfield H. South Extension, said Enfield H South Extension being a subdivision of a portion of the George W. Spear League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Enfield H South Extension of record in Volume 4 at page 206 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, which certain strip of land 1.70 feet in width is to be released from the public utilities easement provided on said plat of Enfield H South Extension and which easement to be released is more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of the south 1.70 feet of the north five (5.00) feet of said Lots 14-A, 15-A and 16-A of the said Enfield H South Extension.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a certain easement, for public utility purposes, was granted the City of Austin, in, upon and across the south five (5.00) feet of Lot 3, Block D, South Terrace Addition, said South Terrace Addition being a subdivision of a portion of the Isaac Decker League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, a map or plat of said South Terrace Addition being of record in Book 11 at page 98 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owners of the above described property have requested the City Council of the City of Austin to release all of the north two(2.00) feet of the above described public utility easement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that said portion of said easement, in, upon and across the above described property, is not now needed and will not be required in the future; Now, Therefore,

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

That W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the following described easement for public utility purposes, to-wit:

A strip of land two (2.00) feet in width, same being out of and a part of Lot 3, Block D, South Terrace Addition, said South Terrace Addition being a subdivision of a portion of the Isaac Decker League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said South Terrace Addition of record in Book 11 at page 98 of the Plat Records of Travis, County, Texas, which strip of land two (2.00) feet in width is to be released from the Public Utility Easement provided on said plat of South Terrace Addition and is more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of the north two (2.00) feet of the south five (5.00) feet of said Lot 3, Block D, South Terrace Addition.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

Councilman Shanks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City of Austin received bids on October 20, 1961, for the sale of a house located at 2807 Lyons Road; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Kunz & Franks Wrecking Company in the sum of \$275.00 was the highest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works; Now, Therefore,

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

That the bid of Kunz & Franks Wrecking Company in the sum of \$275.00 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City with Kunz & Franks Wrecking Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING TO PUBLIC TRAVEL THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF JONES AVENUE WHICH LIES BETWEEN A LINE 125 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF

COLEMAN STREET AND A LINE 125 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF WOODWARD STREET; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING TO PUBLIC TRAVEL TWO (2) TRACTS OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THAT CERTAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, KNOWN AS FREDERICK STREET; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third 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 11.82 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE THEODORE BISSEL SURVEY NO. 18, 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.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its second 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 4.07 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY NO. 15, 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.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its second 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 24.74 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE T. J. CHAMBERS GRANT 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.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its second 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 36.4 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE ISAAC DECKER 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.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AND ORDERING THE PAVING AND IMPROVEMENT OF PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH WORK, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF ESTIMATES, INVOKING THE ALTERNATE PROCEDURE PROVIDED BY ARTICLE I, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE ACTS OF THE FIRST CALLED SESSION OF THE 40TH LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE PAID BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PROVIDING A METHOD OF REIMBURSING THE CITY OF AUSTIN

FOR A PORTION OF SUCH COSTS BY ASSESSMENT OF A PORTION OF SUCH COSTS AGAINST THE PROPERTY ABUTTING SUCH STREETS OR PORTIONS THEREOF TO BE IMPROVED AND FOR THE FIXING OF A LIEN TO SECURE PAYMENT OF SUCH ASSESSMENTS, STATING THE TIME AND MANNER PROPOSED FOR PAYMENT OF ALL SUCH COSTS, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE A NOTICE OF THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE TO BE FILED IN THE MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Wheless Lane)

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

No action was taken on the contract for furnishing automotive replacement batteries for 12 months period. The Council reviewed the bids, and noted the list of companies that received invitations to bid, and the reasons they did not make bids. The Council discussed the requirements of having service from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. during week days. The City Manager stated this was a necessity. Councilman Armstrong asked if the company who now has the contract could give a report on the number of calls made before working hours and after working hours, and to whom they were made, for the last 60 days.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"October 20, 1961

"TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

"SUBJECT: Bids for combination bull wheel cable puller and reel winder.

"Sealed bids were opened at 2:00 P.M. October 18, 1961 in the office of the

Purchasing Agent for subject machine.

"Description: This is a trailer carrying special mechanically powered wire pulling equipment, and equipment on which to reel the wire or rope being pulled out.

"Purpose: This equipment is designed to pull in conductors of varying sizes under varying degrees of tension up to 3,000 pounds.

"Advantages: To pull a long section of line in under tension will effect a considerable saving in manhours, material and money. The following is a tabulation of some of these advantages:

- "(1) When the conductor is pulled in under tension there is no sag in the conductor. This eliminates the need for temporary guard poles to insure proper clearances at road and energized conductor crossings.
- "(2) Tension stringing utilizing this equipment will eliminate some of the rerouting of primary feeds and switching for line clearances that is presently being done to clear out for installing conductors that are not installed under tension.
- "(3) Since this will eliminate the sag normally used in installing new conductors the job will be done somewhat safer since the possibility of the new conductor contacting an energized conductor is reduced. Also since the sag in the conductor is reduced, the possibility of interference with ground traffic is reduced.
- "(4) Utilizing tension stringing equipment will materially reduce the time required to actually pull the conductor in since the pulls will be longer than is presently being done and the pulling speed will be materially increased over present methods.

Use: This equipment is being purchased at this time so that it may be used on the new transmission circuit from Holly Plant to Koenig Lane Substation, however, the major use for the equipment will be on distribution circuits.

Economics: This equipment is estimated to cost approximately \$10,000.00. It is felt that it will save at least \$3,000.00 on the installation of the conductor on the new transmission circuit. It is anticipated that this equipment will pay for itself in about three years time just from manhour and material basis.

Invitation was sent to all known firms able to bid which are as follows:

- Bidders:
1. Graybar Electric Company
 2. Morgan Power Apparatus Corp.
 3. Peterson Engineering Company
 4. Granger Engineering Company
 5. Utility Equipment Company

- Quotations:
1. Graybar Electric Company
Unit price \$9,360.00
Freight: F. O. B. Austin
Terms: 2%
Delivery: 30 days after order
Total: \$9,172.80

2. Morgan Power Apparatus Corp.
%Granger Engineering Company
Unit price \$9,750.00
Freight: \$984.00 F.O.B. Austin
Terms 2%
Delivery: 4 weeks
Total: \$10,519.32
3. Peterson Engineering Company
Unit price: \$8,855.00
Freight: \$505.40 F.O.B. Austin
Terms: 2%
Delivery: 30 days from receipt of order
Total: \$9,173.19
4. Utility Equipment Company
Unit price: \$8,944.35
Freight: F. O. B. Austin
Terms: Net
Delivery: Within 30 days
Net total: \$8,944.35

"Recommendation: It is recommended that Utility Equipment Company net low bid of \$8,944.35 on price inquiry 9475 for one (1) combination bull wheel cable puller and reel winder be accepted.

"W. T. Williams, Jr. City Manager"

Councilman Shanks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on October 18, 1961 for combination bull wheel cable puller and reel winder; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Utility Equipment Company in the sum of \$8,944.35 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid 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 bid of Utility Equipment Company in the sum of \$8,944.35 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Utility Equipment Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

Councilman Shanks moved that MR. W. C. COTTON be selected to do the engineering and design work on the bridge across Sheal Creek, at the percentage stated by the City Manager. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried

by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

The Mayor asked if Mr. Cotton would do this engineering as rapidly as possible.

The City Manager stated he had a quotation on the design work on the Scenic Drive Bridge across Taylor Slough from MR. HALE, stating he would do the work for 3 3/4%. No action was taken at this time.

The Assistant City Manager reported that the Animal Health Commission of the State of Texas is coming to Austin to take a series of tests on all live-stock in Austin, and they request permission to use property adjacent to the Abattoir to have a small portable trailer. The project is financed by the United States Department of Agriculture, but there are no funds for rental, electricity, water and sewer. This request is recommended by Dr. Primer, Health Officer. The Assistant City Manager stated the project would take about three months. Councilman Shanks moved that the request be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry.

The Mayor read the following letter from the Republicans of Travis County:

"1501 Lavaca Street
Austin 1, Texas

"BY CERTIFIED MAIL #199569

"October 21, 1961

"City of Austin
Municipal Building
124 West 8th Street
Austin 1, Texas
ATTN: City Manager

"Dear Sir:

"We would appreciate your taking the necessary action to reserve the following listed Fire Stations for use by the Travis County Republican Party on May 5, 1962, to be used by us in connection with our Primary Election and Precinct Conventions:

"Pct. 132 - Fire Station #14, 4305 Airport Blvd.
Pct. 225 - Fire Station #2, 506 West 19th St.
Pct. 226 - Fire Station #10, 3009 Windsor Road
Pct. 228 - Fire Station #3, 201 West 30th St.

"Your early confirmation of these reservations will be appreciated. Naturally, we will pay any usual charges in connection with the use of the above listed Fire Stations for this purpose.

"Cordially,
s/ Marion B. Findlay
MARION B. FINDLAY
County Chairman"

The Mayor stated the Council had set a policy that the fire stations would not be used as polling places. Councilman Shanks moved that Mr. Findlay be notified that the use of the fire halls as polling places had been discontinued; and since the Primary Election falls on a Saturday, that he be referred to the School authorities. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

The Mayor read a letter from MR. JAKE JACOBSEN, Attorney-at-Law, representing the Continental Oil Company, as follows:

"October 20, 1961

"Mrs. Elsie Woosley
City Clerk
City of Austin
Municipal Building
Austin, Texas

"Dear Mrs. Woosley:

"I represent the Continental Oil Company and am writing with regard to a resolution of the City Council dated September 14, 1961 approving a filling station site for our company on a tract located at the Southwest corner of East 32nd Street and Red River.

"We do not hold a lease on the property in question at the present time. For reasons relating to the internal operations of the Continental Oil Company, we have no intention of exercising the rights granted us by the resolution and attached documents. We are therefore returning our copy of the resolution which is enclosed and would appreciate your noting this in the proper records.

"Please express for us to the members of the City Council our appreciation for their consideration of this matter.

"Sincerely yours
s/ Jake Jacobsen
Jake Jacobsen

"JJ:eqb
Enclosure
cc: Mr. Harry G. Dippel
1710 Fair Building
Fort Worth 2, Texas

"Mr. Raymond Ramsey
Post Office Box 6066
Austin, Texas"

Councilman Shanks moved that after receipt of written notice from the applicant, CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY, that it does not hold a lease on the property at the southwest corner of East 32nd Street and Red River, and has no intention of exercising rights granted for construction of a filling station at that location, that the filling station permit granted on September 14, 1961, and the special zoning permit granted September 7, 1961, both be revoked. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

Councilman Shanks moved that the City Manager be authorized to execute a deed to GENE NAUMAN for the northeast corner of Clermont Street and Interregional Highway, which the Council agreed to sell for \$8,750.00 to the City. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Perry

The Council discussed selling the 104x132 tract of land at 5th and Lamar. Councilman Shanks and Mayor Palmer suggested that the property be held at the present time. Councilman White agreed, but asked that it be cleared and rented.

MAYOR PALMER asked as to the timing of placing the signs prohibiting loitering on the bridges.

The City Attorney said last December MARGARET LOUISE HILL assigned to the City a \$2100 interest in a vendor's lien note to be used for Austin's Nature Center, a function of the Recreation Department, and which has been changed in name to Natural Science Center. After the death of her Mother, Miss Hill, beneficiary of the remaining interest in the note, has offered to assign the entire value of \$4,391 to the City. He explained the transaction between the owners of the property and the Mutual Savings Institution. He said the money would not be spent for anything until plans had been made for the Natural Science Center, and the money is to be used for permanent improvements. After discussion, Councilman Armstrong offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That the City Manager, W. T. Williams, Jr., by and on behalf of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute that certain instrument in writing styled "City of Austin to Mutual Savings Institution. Partial Transfer" exhibited to the City Council, involving the partial transfer of a certain promissory vendor's lien note dated October 18, 1960 executed by Olen E. Hager and wife

Marie Hager, secured by lien upon Lot No. 15, in Block No. 13, North Loop Terrace, an addition to the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, page 148 of the Travis County Plat Records.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Perry

Councilman White stated Dr. McCAULEY said he would serve on the Hospital Board again, and would suggest that the terms be rotated every two or three years. The City Manager said the Ordinance provided for this now; and as members' terms expired, the members have been reappointed. He said it had been suggested in connection with some of the other boards and committees that some rules be established whereby members would not serve more than two terms, thereby making automatic termination of terms. The Mayor stated the Council would study the recommendation.

Councilman White moved that DR. M. D. McCAULEY be reappointed to the Advisory Hospital Board for a term to extend until May 25, 1964. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Perry

The Council received a letter from REV. HOWARD R. BORGESON and from MRS. THEODORE ZHR, expressing hope that the Housing Authority's program for housing for older people will proceed.

Mayor Palmer inquired about the field notes for the University property across the river. The Director of Public Works reported they were ready and he would have more aerial maps by November 2nd. The Mayor asked that a meeting be set up early next week, Monday or Tuesday, with the City Manager, Director of Public Works and City Attorney to discuss the property.

The Mayor reported a complaint from 2305 Dancy Street, in that the property owner says all the water from the storm drain outlet goes down his driveway and into his house.

The City Manager made a report on further inquiry made on the battery bids from two other companies--one company stating it could not be competitive with the type of batteries, and the other company stating it just failed to pick up a bid; but the quotation made was not in line with the ones received.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 12:10 P. M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

ATTEST:

Echie Hoosley
City Clerk

APPROVED

Luella E. Palmer
Mayor