

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

February 9, 1961

10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Pro-tem Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer

Absent: Mayor Miller

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 DR. FRED BROOKS, Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church.

MR. SHERMAN BIRDWELL, Cooks Funeral Home, spokesman for a majority of the white funeral homes in Austin, proposed that some type of regulation or ordinance be passed that would provide that the ambulance service nearest an accident or for an occasion requiring emergency service be called by the Police Department. He read a petition signed by three of the five white funeral home directors, reviewing the agreement to a rotation system for handling emergency ambulance calls, and listed the unsatisfactory items of this system, and suggested a zoning plan be established whereby the ambulance nearest the accident be used. Opposition was expressed by MR. VILLASENOR, Mission Funeral Home, who said after studying the situation to where his Funeral Home was involved, he saw that it would be best for him at this time to oppose the zoning system. MR. JACK CORLEY, Weed-Corley Funeral Home, stated he thought the zoning system would best serve the citizens of Austin, and made reference to two specific cases in his neighborhood, where his firm was not allowed to make an emergency call, as in one case the South Austin firm was making it, and in the other, the Mission Funeral Home from East Austin had been cleared to make the call. MR. CLAY, Wilke-Clay, favoring the zoning system, said the Funeral Homes did not rely on ambulance business to make a living. MR. JOE MANOR, Hyltin-Manor, opposed the zoning system, stating it was not workable in cities using it, and many cities were not using the system at all. He said the rotation plan was working fairly well, and described the method used now. He stated that zoning ambulance service was interfering with private enterprise. MR. BOB LONG, Attorney for Mr. Manor, opposed a zoning proposal and stated they were opposed to the governing body's dividing up business and dividing men's dollars. He said the Council could regulate speeds and enforce traffic laws, but that was all it could do with reference to ambulances. The City Attorney

explained there was no provision in the ordinance to which reference had been made to the rotation plan, which was a voluntary agreement between those operating ambulance services. He explained the provisions of the ordinance as pertaining to emergency and non-emergency runs; and he discussed briefly provisions of a draft of an ordinance. No action was taken by the Council at this time. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated the Council would look into this and see what could be worked out, and inquired if there was any hope that the ambulance operators could work it out on a voluntary basis. Mr. Birdwell said three out of five were in favor of the zoning system already. Councilman White stated he saw no reason why they could not get together and all work out their own proposition.

The Council opened the hearing on the appeal of MILTON TURNER from the Planning Commission decision on granting a Special Permit for the City of Austin Service Center. The City Manager pointed out the need for such a center in the area, and described the types of service that would be furnished from this site, and the types of equipment that would be located there. The Director of Public Works displayed a plat showing areas to be sodded, location of planting strips, etc. The Director of Planning listed the conditions to be met. MR. BOB SNEED, representing MR. MILTON TURNER who owned property on two sides of this proposed center, opposed the location at this site, as it would mean the installation of either an industrial usage or commercial usage in an area in its entirety "A" residential. Objection was expressed also on the fact this heavy equipment would be leaving the center during the same time the small children would be leaving and returning from school, and opposition was made to a temporary paving rather than permanent type of paving on this narrow street. Mr. Sneed asked that this proposed installation be looked at, not on the basis that it is the City of Austin, but on the basis as if it were a private concern, because the effect on the adjoining property owners would be the same. He said it was their feeling that this would be the same as granting a "D" Industrial Zone, and asked that the special permit be denied. MR. CECIL ROTTSCH, representing MRS. WALDO FORSTER, opposed the granting of the special permit on the grounds it would be detrimental to her home. He complained about the existing water tower and its appearance; of the ground sloughing off and causing soil to wash off the Forster property; of the ugly manner in which the site had been kept; and he asked that the Council deny placing this Center in the residential section. MAYOR PRO-TEM PALMER stated the character of South 1st Street is changing, and residential use would not be considered the highest and best use for this neighborhood, and the property would become more valuable as commercial. The City Manager pointed out the advantages to the neighborhood that placing this Center would effect; and stated as to any other site, there was a tremendous area in South Austin which is residential, and this particular location is somewhere near the center. MR. W. A. McANGUS, representing the Dave McAngus Estate, agreed that the site needed beautifying and a fence. MRS. ELLIS, who had eleven rent houses and 10 acres on South 2nd and Center, was present. The Council agreed to meet the group at 2:00 P.M. this date.

MR. HERBERT MEYER, spokesman for a group, read a petition signed by property owners and renters in the 800 and 900 blocks on West 6th Street requesting two-hour parking on West 6th. He asked that each block be considered separately. Mr. Meyer was asked if the group would object to one-hour parking meters, and Mr. Meyers replied that would be fine. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated the Council would check with the City Manager and see what can be worked out on this.

MR. EUGENE HENRY appeared to inform the Council of his plans for establishing the Industrial Enterprise and later the Industrial Rehabilitation Center for men and women that are being released from Prison and who want to better themselves; or for alcoholics who want to be helped with their drinking problems. He described the operations to be conducted in the center, and showed plans of the buildings. There will be a body fender and paint shop; welding shop, heavy equipment repair shop. Mr. Henry asked for any suggestions the Council might offer. The City Attorney made inquiry as to his complying with the zoning ordinance, and Mr. Henry stated he had checked into this and was in compliance. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated it was certainly a worthwhile project. The Chief of Police said he was for anything that would provide a livable wage and opportunity for these people. Mr. Henry explained the manner in which the people would be selected. The City Attorney explained the Solicitation Ordinance provisions. The Mayor Pro-tem thanked him for coming down.

MR. BOB ARMSTRONG appeared before the Council and made the following statement:

"Upon my return after a week's absence from Austin recently, I heard that it had been announced that I was a possible candidate for the City Council.

"From the personal visits, letters, telephone calls and the numerous names on the petitions that have been circulated urging me to be a candidate, I have decided to comply with my friends' wishes.

"I have lived in Austin for 41 years and never expect to live anywhere else.

"I hereby pledge my total cooperation with the other elected councilmen for the betterment of our good city.

"I would like to state that I am not representing any individuals or special interests.

"Since Hub Bechtol is not running for re-election, I am filing for that place."

The Council recessed until about 2:30 P.M.

Recessed Meeting

2:30 P.M.

At 2:30 P.M. the Council resumed its business.

Councilman Bechtol announced that next Thursday, February 16th, at 2:00 P.M. the University of Texas School of Architecture would have models on the Lake Front Development for display at the Auditorium, and the Recreation Department, the Recreation Board, Planning Department and Planning Commission are invited to be present. This is a joint display by the Planning Department and the School of Architecture.

The Council received a petition regarding a little foot bridge at Sarah Drive and Berger Street across Boggy Creek, and referred it to the City Manager.

Councilman White moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 2, 1961 be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller
Not in Council Room when vote was taken: Councilman Perry

Mayor Pro-tem 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:
FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT ON LOT 13 SOUTH SIDE ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1210-1306 MARIPOSA DRIVE, 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 White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

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 Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Pro-tem 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:
FROM "D" INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ON LOTS 11 AND 25, PAUL SIMMS ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2612-2614 EAST 7TH STREET AND 2607 GONZALES STREET, 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 White moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: Councilman Bechtol
Absent: Mayor Miller

MR. FRANK DENIUS displayed a plat showing changes made in the location of the miniature train track of the Austin Eagle Railroad, stating this change had been approved by the Director of Recreation subject to approval by the Council. He stated he would be back with the specific plans. The Mayor Pro-tem stated this plan was the better plan. Mr. Denius stated the train would be in operation by April 1st.

MR. ALLAN RUSSELL, Austin Baseball Club, explained some of the business matters of the Club regarding baseball for the coming year, and some proposed changes he would like to put into effect. He listed some items which needed repairing--bleachers were rough, fence needed repairs, and the roof needed to be fixed. He said vandals were tearing the fence down, and breaking the lights. He asked that some concession be made on the rent. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer asked if someone could be assigned to check the condition of the fence, roof, and places that needed repairing, and get a tentative estimate on what expense was to be expected. He told Mr. Russell that the utilities would have to be paid out of the ticket sales. Councilman Bechtol inquired about the arrangement with Mr. Russell and the Junior High Schools in using the ball field during the winter. Mr. Russell stated only very minor damage had been done to the field. Councilman Bechtol stated this could be repaired and the School System would take care of that part. The Director of Public Works was asked to check the needed repairs.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Perry moved that MR. ALLAN RUSSELL be granted permission to use the ball park for sponsoring the Championship fight on March 13th. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

MR. RUSSELL stated he would get more information to submit on his request to use the Ball Park for a Rodeo, for which the Ball Club would receive 10% of the gross.

Councilman White moved the Council grant MRS. CLAUDIA McPHAUL permission to withdraw the following zoning application:

MRS. CLAUDIA McPHAUL	3414 (3502) E. 12th Street	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission.
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The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:
 Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer brought up the following zoning application deferred from last week.

BONIFACIO ALBA	2310-(2312) E. 9th Street	From "A" Residence To "LR" Local Retail RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission and to include 2312 (2314) East 9th Street
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Councilman White moved that the change be granted to "LR" Local Retail and to include the additional property. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the change had been granted to "LR" Local Retail and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO ACCERTAIN CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN OAKS DEVELOPMENT CO.; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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 Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

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 Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"February 9, 1961

"To the City Council
 City of Austin, Texas

"Re: Completion and Acceptance of
 Work Improving Portions of
 Certain Streets in the City
 of Austin Being Assessment
 Paving Contract Number 60-A-19

"The work of improving portions of the following named streets in the City of Austin, being Assessment Paving Contract Number 60-A-19, dated August 12, 1960, between the City of Austin and J. H. "Bud" Chastain & Sons, has been performed and completed by J. H. "Bud" Chastain & Sons in full compliance with the contract and the plans and specifications therein contained:

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Bailey Lane	NPL West 34th Street	SPL West 38th Street
Bridle Path	WPL Dillman Street	EPL Hopi Trail
Carlton Road	EPL Hillview Road	WPL Exposition Blvd.
Clay Avenue	EPL Burnet Road	Pt. 120' S. of SPL of Ullrich Ave.
Colorado Street	NGL West 13th Street	NPL West 13th St. Alley
Courtland Lane	NPL Bonnie Road	SPL Bridle Path
Dallman Street	NGL Enfield Road	SPL Clearview Drive
Graham Place	EPL Pearl Street	WPL Rio Grande St.
Guadalupe Street	EGL Airport Blvd.	SPL St. Johns Ave.
Hancock Drive	Pt. 61' E. of EPL Finley Drive	WGL Burnet Road
Kennelwood Road	WPL Matthews Drive	WPL Rockmoor Ave.
Matthews Drive	NPL Gilbert Street	NPL Windsor Road
Matthews Drive	NPL Kennelwood Road	SPL Meredith Street
Mayfield Lane	EPL Mayfield Subdivision	WPL Lamar Boulevard
Niles Road	Pt. 135' W. of WPL Newfield Lane	WPL Wethersfield Rd.
North Street	EGL Burnet Road	WPL Woodrow Avenue
Norwalk Lane	NPL West 12th St.	SPL Enfield Road
Pearl Street	NGL West 25th St.	SGL West 26th St.

Quarry Road	EPL Norwalk Lane	WPL Possum Trot
Romeria Drive	EPL Grover Avenue	EPL Mayfield Subdivision
San Antonio Street	NPL West 7th Street	SPL West 8th St.
Seiders Avenue	Pt. 228' S. of SPL	
	West 39½ Street	SPL West 39½ St.
Stevenson Avenue	EPL Pecos Street	WPL Hopi Trail
St. Johns Avenue	EPL Arroyo Seca	WPL Woodrow Ave.
West 9th Street	Pt. 97' W. of WPL	
	Robertson Ave.	WPL West Lynn St.
West 46th Street	Pt. 5' W. of EPL	
	Shoal Creek Blvd.	WPL Ramsey Avenue

"I have inspected, approved, and accepted the work and improvements referred to, and I now recommend that the same be accepted and received by the City Council as having been performed and completed in compliance with the contract, plans, and specifications referred to above.

"Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd) S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.
Director of Public Works"

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE WORK OF IMPROVING PORTIONS OF BAILEY LANE AND SUNDRY OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WITHIN THE LIMITS HEREBELOW DEFINED, PERFORMED BY J. H. "BUD" CHASTAIN & SONS AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Perry 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 Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Perry 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 Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent; Mayor Miller

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Pro-tem 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 16.10 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING ALL OF ALLANDALE TERRACE, SECTION 2, 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 Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

Mayor Pro-tem 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 3.51 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 second time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The City Manager submitted the following:

"February 8, 1961

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

Contract Number 61-D-1

"Following is a tabulation of the bids received at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 7, 1961 for the construction of three reinforced concrete culverts and open channel excavation in connection with two, being located on Joe Sayers Avenue at Theckla Terrace Easement and on East 17th and East 18th Streets between Maple Avenue and Singleton Avenue - Contract Number 61-D-1.

Miller's Concrete Contractors	\$ 9,700.00
Ed H. Page	10,188.00
Larson-Pugh, Inc.	10,288.00
Maufrais Brothers, Inc.	10,911.00
Texas Bridge Company, Inc.	10,965.60
Giesen & Latson Construction Co.	11,424.00
Walter W. Schmidt	12,706.00
City's Estimate	\$ 9,928.00

"I recommend that Miller's Concrete Contractors with their low bid of \$9,700.00 be awarded the contract for this project.

"S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.
Director of Public Works"

Councilman Perry offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin for the construction of three reinforced concrete culverts and open channel excavation in connection with two, being located on Joe Sayers Avenue at Theckla Terrace Easement and on East 17th and East 18th Streets between Maple Avenue and Singleton Avenue - Contract Number 61-D-1; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Miller's Concrete Contractors, in the sum of \$9,700.00, was the lowest bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works 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 Miller's Concrete Contractors, in the sum of \$9,700.00, 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 of Austin with Miller's Concrete Contractors.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Miller

Councilman White made inquiry about the request of MRS. SHARP, 1402 Maple, and asked if this property were included in this contract. The Director of Public Works stated it was not, and he would check to see about it.

Councilman White moved that the City Manager be instructed to have an ordinance drawn prohibiting loitering and fishing from all bridges across the Colorado River. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Council discussed improvements on the bridges, and it was suggested that the City Manager investigate and report back in two weeks on his ideas and how the improvements should be done.

Councilman Bechtol moved that the City Manager be instructed to install one Longhorn-Chisholm Trail Plaque at each end of the new Low Water Dam on the buttresses on each end of the west side of the dam at the south and north ends of the dam, adjacent to the plaque at the north end and to the west of the plaque and at the other end about equal height. The motion lost for lack of a second. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer asked that before they were placed, that the location on the north side be checked again, as he believed the plaque would be hidden. Councilman White stated he would recheck.

The City Manager explained the Recommendation of the Director of Nurses to the Hospital Board, regarding recommended changes in tuition and fees, dated January 27, 1961. He stated it was desired to put these into effect for the September 1, 1961 class. He explained the proposed policy on contracts for Nurses' Training. The Council took no action at this time.

The Council discussed the recommendation of the Administrator of the T. B. Sanatorium, the Hospital Administrator, and the Board to increase the rates for certain rooms at the T. B. Sanatorium. The City Manager stated there were 24 rooms involved here. Councilman Perry moved that the recommendation of the T. B. Sanatorium Hospital Administrator, Hospital Advisory Board, Hospital Administrator, and the City Manager, be accepted. The motion lost for lack of a second, as the Council wanted to postpone action until next week.

Councilman Bechtol moved that the City of Austin join the UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS, and that the dues of \$500.00 for 1961-1962 be remitted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

Councilman White suggested that each year this be brought before the Council for approval.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer read a letter received from one outside the United States, and the letter was referred to the Police Department.

The Council again discussed the property for the South Austin Service Center. No decision was made.

The City Manager called attention to the filing of the STATUS OF WATER AND SANITARY SEWER CONTRACT PROJECTS AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1961, and the STREET PAVING SUMMARY, FISCAL YEAR 1960-61.

The City Manager reported a problem involved with the gravel operation down the river, which was under contract at the time the area was annexed. The City Attorney stated all of this was in the contract between the City and Mr. Zachry, and the property was leased for a certain purpose, and Mr. Zachry was told exactly how the operation could be done, and where he could run the gravel; that everything was spelled out in the contract, and all of that was done before the property was annexed. The City Manager stated this was a temporary operation.

Councilman Bechtol brought up the matter of contracting a line to Bluffington; and that on April 1st, Mr. Zachry intends to start dredging upstream. It was his understanding this new line coming from Bee Creek Road would be under way by the time the dredging started. He stated the contract provided that the Construction Company was to salvage the existing line, and the time schedule is getting close. He asked the City Manager to check into this.

The Council discussed paving the 13th Street Alley between Nueces and Rio Grande, and the Crestwood Road Serviceway. The City Manager recommended vacating the public interest in the alleys that are being used as thoroughfares rather than alleys, and letting the property owners close the alley and stop the traffic. The property owners could either leave the alley open; they could close one end, or could close the alley in the middle, and still stop the traffic. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer suggested that the property owners bring in a request to vacate the alley. The City Manager stated a check would be made with the Fire Chief to see if he would need to bring his vehicles in through the alley. Discussion also was the paving of the alley between East Avenue and Comal, south of Manor Road. The Director of Public Works pointed out that Comal Street was scheduled in the next paving program, and the paving of this street together with the alley would be a little hard on the property owners. He was asked to contact Mr. Fritz Bollman and explain this matter, and suggest that the best way would be for them to pave on a voluntary basis.

The City Attorney displayed a plat of the Brackenridge Tract, showing an area of about eleven acres, which the University would like to have released so the President's home could be built on the location. Also there is a step-down transformer bank located on part of the land not being used for golf course purposes. The City Attorney stated this would not be needed after July 1962. This location is approximately where Robin Hood and Raleigh come into Enfield Road. He stated the University would like to have this release to them.

Councilman Perry offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Texas has agreed to the location of a stepdown transformer bank on a certain tract of University owned property; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Texas has requested that the City of Austin execute an Agreement concerning the location of such stepdown transformer bank; 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 and directed to execute an Agreement in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain Agreement, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said agreement without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Miller

Councilman Perry offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, by instrument dated May 31, 1924, the Board of Regents of the University of Texas leased a portion of the land known as the Brackenridge Tract to the City of Austin for use as the Austin Municipal Golf Course; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Texas is presently desirous of constructing a new home for its President at the southwest corner of the intersection of Enfield Road and Exposition Boulevard, in the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin deems it to be in the public interest to release the area necessary for the construction of such new home for the President of the University of Texas from the terms of the aforementioned lease; 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 and directed to execute a Release Agreement in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain Release Agreement, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said agreement without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:
 Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The City Attorney displayed a map showing property owned by the City, property pending condemnation, and other property in the area. He stated that building permits should not be issued on this property and that the possibility of buying the property should be investigated. After discussion, Councilman Bechtol moved that the City Manager be instructed to explore the idea and get some prices on the acquisition of that land, and tell the Building Inspector's Office to withhold building permits stating that the City is interested in acquiring the property. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The City Manager reported that MR. CUNNINGHAM from Louisiana had contacted the Electric Utilities Director regarding the old generator, stating the Westinghouse representatives and others said it did meet the representations that the City had made, and they were ready to take it and wanted an invoice.

The City Manager read a letter received in reply to one mailed out, regarding the small generators, and the 1934 unit. This letter listed several ways to sell the generator, and this dealer wanted the exclusive right.

Councilman Bechtol moved that the Council accept the offer made by MR. CUNNINGHAM, for the 1929 model generator. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

There being no further business, Councilman White moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The Council adjourned at 6:15 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Lee E. Johnson
 Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Elsie Howley
 City Clerk