

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

May 3, 1962
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, 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

The Council, by rising vote, adopted a Resolution expressing the sincerest gratitude of the people of Austin for the truly dedicated life of TOM MILLER, and providing that a page be set apart in the Official Minutes for this Resolution, and that a copy of the Resolution be delivered to his family.

Invocation was delivered by FATHER EUGENE L. DORE, St. Ignatius Church.

MRS. FRANCISCO commemorated former MAYOR TOM MILLER, and expressed a personal tribute to him.

MR. LALO CAMPOS, President of the Pan-American Recreation Association, reminded the Council of its invitation to attend the Second Annual FIESTA PAN-AMERICAN to be held in the Auditorium, Friday, May 4, 1962, 8:00 P.M. Municipal Auditorium.

Councilman Armstrong called attention to the loyalty and devotion of a City Councilman who drove 26 hours and covered 1375 miles arriving at 4:00 A.M. to attend this Council Meeting--Councilman Louis Shanks.

MR. BILL JOSEPH and a group of businessmen on North Lamar, asked that the west side of Lamar be kept open while the construction work was under way, as most of the business houses were on the west side while the Drive-in Theatre and Public Safety were on the east side. He stated the contractor opened the blockade at night. The Mayor stated this would be referred to the City Manager to look into and see if there is anyway he can work it out.

MAYOR PALMER presented Texas Safety Association Awards to the following:

MR. WALTER HILL, Fleet Traffic Safety Achievement, Parks Division
MR. LOVAL HAIR, Fleet Traffic Safety Achievement, Sanitation Div.
MR. TOM TURNER, Fleet Traffic Safety Achievement, Electric
Distribution (Mayor Palmer noted the tremendous
job Mr. Turner and his crew performed during the
storm Carla.)
MR. S. A. GARZA, Recognition of outstanding Traffic Safety, Fleet
of the Sewer Division, Group C
COLONEL VANCE MURPHY, Special Certificate of Merit for accident-free
record at the Airport
CHIEF BOB MILES, Combined Industrial Fleet and Local Operations
Award Police Department, Group B
MISS MARY RICE, Traffic Safety Achievement, Library
MR. ALBERT ULLRICH, Fleet Traffic Safety Achievement, Filtration
Plant, Group C
MR. WALTER HILL, Fleet Traffic Safety Achievement, Sanitation Depart-
ment, Group B
MR. DICK JORDAN, Housing and Inspection Division, Group C
MR. JEROME SANDBERG, Fleet Traffic Safety Achievement, Municipal
Cemeteries, Group C
DR. BEN PRIMER, Fleet Traffic Safety Achievement, Health Department,
Group C
MR. BOB BROWN, Fleet Traffic Safety Achievement, Maintenance,
Group C
MR. CLARK BLANKENSHIP, Fleet Traffic Safety Achievement, Power Plant,
Group B
MR. ALBERT DAVIS, Water Distribution, Group B

The Mayor read the Governor's Special Merit Citation for Austin, noting a reduction of five percent in traffic deaths over the past three year average. The City Manager stated most of these awards were first place awards given by the Texas Safety Association, and many people throughout the state compete for these awards. Austin received the greatest number of first place awards of any city, as it had done for a number of years. The City competes with industries and other municipalities, and the reason Austin received more of these awards was due to its having engaged in a safety program for a number of years. The City Manager explained this program. He stated it was headed by MR. FRANK BEARDSLEE and MR. WARREN H. McCORD who are in the Personnel Department with MR. PHIL MORGETTE. He said a great deal of credit went to these men. The City Manager said Austin was one of the first cities to begin this program, but practically all of the cities are in it now because they found, by looking at Austin's records, it was the thing to do, as it had resulted in a savings in many ways.

MR. M. L. McGEE, 2212 Willow, appeared before the Council regarding some engineering problems, stakes, etc., in his area. The Director of Public Works was asked to discuss these matters with Mr. McGee.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following zoning application deferred from last week:

LEN C. DURE
By Arthur E.
Pihlgren

7505-09 Burnet Road

From "GR" General Retail
To "C-1" Commercial
RECOMMENDED by the
Planning Commission

Mr. Pihlgren stated this was to be a very high class cafe, a combination cafe and drive-in, and they wanted to serve beer with food. The cafe will be about \$20,000 and the equipment will amount to \$10 or \$15,000. The Mayor asked if there would be out-side jute boxes. Mr. Pihlgren stated he was not familiar with the operation, but he did not think there would be. Councilman Armstrong moved that the change to "C-1" Commercial be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-1" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of April 19th and April 26th, 1962, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Present but not voting: Councilman Shanks (as he was not in attendance at these two meetings)

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH AUSTEX DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD., 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 Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

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 Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

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 Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH AUSTIN CORPORATION, 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:

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AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS: (1) A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING 81.2 FEET ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BURNET ROAD, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 5343-5345 BURNET ROAD, FROM "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (2) (A) THE EAST 38 FEET OF LOT 7, AND THE WEST 3 FEET OF LOT 6, BLOCK 103, ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 607 (609) WEST 9TH STREET; AND (B) THE EAST 51 FEET OF THE WEST 54 FEET OF LOT 6, BLOCK 103, ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 605 WEST 9TH STREET,

FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE DISTRICT; (3) (A) LOT 9 AND THE WEST 22.5 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK 9, PLAINVIEW HEIGHTS, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1007 EAST 40TH STREET; AND (B) LOT 7 AND THE EAST 30 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK 9, PLAINVIEW HEIGHTS, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1009-1011 EAST 40TH STREET, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE DISTRICT; (4) THE SOUTH ONE HALF (1/2) OF LOT 5, BLOCK 1, SHELLEY HEIGHTS, NO. 2, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1100 BLANCO STREET, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; (5) THE NORTH 27.5 FEET OF LOT 10 AND THE SOUTH 13.75 FEET OF LOT 12, BLOCK 2, BUDDINGTON ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 3709 (3701) CEDAR STREET, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN 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 Armstrong 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 Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

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Noes: None

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Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

No action was taken on the zoning application of LA RIVERA HOTEL CORP. 1001-1025 South Interregional Highway and 1300 Edgecliff, from "O" Office to "C-1" Commercial pending receipt of revised field notes.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Southern Union Gas Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in

the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore,

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

THAT Southern Union Gas Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

- (1) A gas main in BARTON HILLS DRIVE, from a point 127 feet north of Barhill Drive northerly 320 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet east of and parallel to the west property line of said BARTON HILLS DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

- (2) A gas main in WILKE DRIVE, from Barton Hills Drive easterly 616 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said WILKE DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

- (3) A gas main in BARTON PARKWAY, from a point 49 feet north of Barhill Drive northerly 1643 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said BARTON PARKWAY.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

- (4) A gas main in RIDGEVIEW DRIVE, from Barton Hills Drive easterly 448 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said RIDGEVIEW DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

- (5) A gas main in BARTON HILLS DRIVE, from a point 115 feet south of Ridgeview Drive northerly 320 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet east of and parallel to the west property line of said BARTON HILLS DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

THE Southern Union Gas Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and

that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Southern Union Gas Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Southern Union Gas Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid, shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

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

Councilman Perry reported a suggestion from MRS. FAGAN DICKSON that the Council investigate the possibility of the Garden Club, which is wanting to develop the Garden Center, taking over LaGuna Gloria and making a garden center at that location for them; and at the same time relieving the City of a \$12,000 expenditure. The City Manager stated the grounds might not be big enough and that the Garden Club had done some work already at LaGuna Gloria. The Mayor suggested that Councilman Perry discuss this matter with the heads of both organizations, and that the City Manager discuss it with the Director of Recreation.

Councilman Perry reported a complaint about a sharp curve on the low water bridge below Tom Miller Dam, and people thought this curve was dangerous. He stated the people hit the curb on the bridge, as the curve was so sharp. The City Manager stated it was very difficult to get a road in, and the County and City paid for the bridge across the river and used the creek valley to work out a grade of getting up to the top of the hill. When the bad rains came, the whole thing washed away, and it was rebuilt at a cost of \$10,000; and at that time the road was widened. He said there was no curve on the bridge. Councilman Perry stated he would report back that this was the least amount of curve possible in this circumstance.

The City Manager displayed a plat of the Medical Arts Square showing the 50' dedicated street, stating there was a curb along the street line, but no curb between the street and paved parking area. The complaint was that students and others who had no place to park, knew this was a public street and that they had a right to park there, thus taking up spaces needed by the doctors' patients. He stated if the street were vacated, it would ruin the subdivision ordinance

requiring lots to face on a public street. He recommended vacating a 20' strip which is now used for parking and that would reduce the width of the street to 30'. Then a line could be painted on the boundary of the street pointing out the part that is a public street, and "no parking" could be set up for the street area. The doctors want control of the parking, and the City Manager stated his recommendation would accomplish what the doctors wanted in their first request. The City Manager wanted to discuss this plan with the doctors. The Mayor stated after it was presented to the doctors, if it meets with their approval, the Council would work it that way; and if it did not, the matter would be looked into further.

MR. RUSSEL FISH asked the Council to make a few remarks at the Police Awards Banquet, at the Auditorium, May 22nd. The Mayor stated the Council would be happy to do that.

The City Manager submitted a suggested price schedule on duplications of the Aerial maps and sections maps which are being made, as worked out by the Director of Public Works and Planning Director, after discussion with the representative of the Aerial Mapping Service. The schedule is as follows:

200' scale, Contact Prints:	
1 to 5 copies	\$3.00 each
6 or more	\$2.50 each
Complete set	\$1.75 each
(170 maps to cover the whole area at 200' to 1" scale instead of 1000' to an inch. Those are the maps proposed to sell for \$3.00, \$2.50, and \$1.75.)	

On the 1000' scale mosaic, if people want an original made of it, the cost will be \$1800.00

The City has some negatives, cutting this map into four quadrants, which can be reproduced and sold at \$35.00 each quadrant. The \$1800 figure is another original made from the original negatives, and set together on a control basis.

This rephotograph of this picture in four parts is \$35.00 for each quadrant, if the buyer wants to put them on the board himself and try to match the four parts together.

A rephoto in four quadrants mounted by the Aerial Photograph Service, with their matching the four quadrants would cost the City \$400.00, and the City would charge \$500.00.

The mosaic on a 2000' scale can be rephotographed for \$35.00.

Another type of Atlas Sheet (Chronopaque) 200' scale, which is a photograph would be sold for \$25.00 each.

Councilman Shanks moved that the prices as recommended by the City Manager be adopted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager stated he had a letter from MR. ED St. JOHN announcing the opening of a new place of business, The Big Three Welding Company, and inviting the Council to a reception, May 9, 10:00 A.M., 4927 East 5th Street.

The City Manager read a letter stating that more than 8,700 physicians of the Texas Medical Association, were deeply appreciative of the sincere interest and support in matters of health given by the State and community leaders; and as an expression of this appreciation, the Association was inviting them to a special luncheon Monday, May 14, 12:30, at the Auditorium. The Mayor stated each member of the Council would receive a notice, and would accept.

The City Manager made a report on the four-way stop signs on West Mary and South 1st Street, stating the Traffic Department recommended that the stop signs on South 1st Street be removed, and those on West Mary at South 1st be retained.

The City Manager reminded the Council of the luncheon at Ragsdale Flying Service, May 10th. The Council set the hour as 12:30.

The Assistant City Manager distributed a list of bids to be advertised. The Council decided to have the following bids, out of this list, opened at 3:00 P.M., Thursday, May 24th, in the Council Room:

Construction of 30' x 80' x 14' high steel building with concrete floor to Water and Sewer Treatment Department.

Steel, round reinforcing 3/8" - 10,000 ft.)
Steel, round reinforcing 1/2" - 15,000 ft.) for Central Stores

3/4 ton Pick-up, 3/4 ton cab and chasis, service and maintenance body for 3/4 ton truck, 3/4 ton cab and chasis, meter service and maintenance body for 3/4 ton truck, 2 ton stake bed truck, and 2 1/2 ton dump truck including body and hoist for Electric Distribution.

Councilman White stated he understood this opening of bids in the Council meeting was on a trial basis. The Mayor told the City Manager to handle the other three items wherever it has been customary to handle them:

Springdale Road - 24" Water Main - East 12th to East 19th (Proposed bid opening for May 25th.)

Ten Fire Hydrants 4 1/4 3 way, 3 1/2 foot bury. (Proposed bid opening as soon as possible) for Central Stores.

3 each pole top air break switches, 15 KV-400 amp.,
3 pole, steel inter phase shaft, with minimum of 40' of vertical steel control rod. (Proposed bid opening one week to ten days after approval) - Central Stores.

The City Manager noted it was time to appoint the Board of Equalization.

The Assistant City Manager stated COLONEL KENGLA and DR. PAUL BONER were making a third and final test on this Voice Sound System. On May 11th the test will be made in a residential area, Violet Crown Heights, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. The Mayor stated the Council would accept the invitation to be there.

The Assistant City Manager stated the Council had asked for a study on the cost of replacing the metal plates on the parking meters to provide for the Saturday afternoon parking. He stated the estimate was \$5,085, and listed the break-down of the estimate. It would take four months to complete making the change. Councilman Perry moved that the plates NOT be put on the meters. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The Council received invitation to the opening of Giesen and Latson's new asphalt Plant, 2:30, Friday May 4th.

The Assistant City Manager stated discussion had been held on building some barges, and that it was necessary to get formal approval. The Mayor stated the Council had indicated it was going to cooperate with the Aquacade, and that these barges could be used for other purposes in connection with the Recreation Department. Councilman White moved that the Council approve the construction of these barges. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Not in Council Room when the roll was called: Councilman Shanks

The Council recessed until 2:20.

RECESSED MEETING

2:20 P.M.

The Council resumed its business at 2:20.

The Council discussed the contract for the construction of sanitary sewer mains, Ft. Branch Creek, Phase I, Pecan Springs Road and 51st Street area to the M.K. & T. Railroad. The City Manager stated he was not ready to make a recommendation at this time. He stated it might be possible that city forces could install this line for less, and explained why he thought the bids were high. He stated there were experienced people in the construction work already, and additional laborers would have to be added, and some machinery would have to be rented. Another suggestion would be to reject all bids and take new bids; and the third possibility would be to make further inquiry of the low bidder and talk with him about the contract and see if he feels he is qualified. Mayor Palmer asked about the engineering from the Katy Tracks on down. The Director of Water Utilities stated they had elected to do this in two sections; but if

the Council wanted to let it in one, it could be done. The Mayor stated the City Manager could consider it and let them know next week.

Councilman Shanks moved that in honor of all of the people of our town, that they be honored by naming the new lake, "TOWN LAKE". The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Amrstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman Armstrong made the following statement concerning his vote:

"I wish we could make it 'Austin Town Lake', but Austin is not a town anymore. If we could name it 'Austin City Lake' and call it the City Lake, that is what I really prefer. I am the only one that has that idea. I will vote 'Aye' for 'Town Lake', but we are bigger than a town."

Mayor Palmer made the following statement:

"This name, while I know it was not the intention of BILL WOOD to try to name the lake as TOWN LAKE, but it has stuck ever since he used that; and by and large the majority of the letters we received and the majority of people that called, indicate a preference for TOWN LAKE and express themselves saying regardless of what we may name it, it will still be called TOWN LAKE; so for that reason, I will vote for "Town Lake".

The City Manager read a letter from the Housing and Finance Agency, regarding project TEX R-20 Kealing, Urban Renewal, stating they would appreciate some indication as to the City's intention regarding the present Urban Renewal Project, and stating they had held capital grant of \$395,750. They want to know if they should continue to hold this reserve. The Mayor stated that they be asked to reserve this money, and also request that we submit another project that should have priority over the Kealing project. Councilman Shanks moved that the City Manager be instructed to ask that this grant be reserved, and to submit the Boggy Creek project with the request that it be given priority over the Kealing project. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: Councilman White

Councilman White voting against the motion, stating he was 100% for Boggy Creek, but his stand and thinking on Urban Renewal was known.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. Bob Waldron, Assistant to Congressman Homer Thornberry, regarding his calling the Mayor's letter pertaining to Bergstrom Air Force Base to Congressman Thornberry's attention when he returned to his office.

The Mayor read a letter from the City of Harrisburg, stating the capitol buildings comprised 28-30% of the real estate value of their city, and they did not receive any tax money for the state-owned buildings. Inquiry was made if Texas paid taxes or gave money in lieu of taxes.

The Mayor had a letter from JOSEPH R. DARNALL, JR., Secretary, Austin Jaycees, stating they were sponsoring a teenage boys auto club, and inviting him to one of the meetings sometime during May or June, and let the group tell him in person their goals and purpose of their club.

The Mayor read a letter regarding the Spacecraft exhibits which will be in Austin on May 8th in connection with promoting United States Savings Bonds. The Assistant City Manager stated this had been set up.

The Mayor read a letter commending Police Officer WELDON HARDIN, Badge 222, on his conduct in investigating an accident, and on his compassion for the injured, and his calm and assuring attitude. The letter was referred to Police Chief Miles.

The Council deferred action on annexing a portion of Sherwood Oaks until the following week.

Action also was deferred on the sale of 197 square feet of a triangular piece of land at the southwest corner of the intersection of Gillis and Ben White Boulevard until next week. The City Attorney stated this was the land Mr. Delma Spell had contacted Councilman White about.

The City Manager stated from time to time in the future, the City would be confronted with questions as to what it should do about acquiring portions of various water districts around the City, or possibly all of them. He reviewed the history of the creation of these water districts, and some of the questions and problems that may now exist. He showed on a map each Water District, and gave a resume of the present status of each. Travis County Water Improvement and Control Districts Nos. 1, 2, and 3 have been purchased by the City. The City Manager explained the contract with Water District No. 4 in detail. This district has worked out very well, and has about 170 meters and obligations of \$140-\$150,000. The City Manager discussed the status of Water District No. 5, which levies a tax; and the status of the other 13 districts. District 14 buys water from Water District No. 9, and Districts 15, 16, and 17 are not served by the City, but take water from the river or from wells. The City Manager stated Travis-Williamson County Water District No. 1 is in process of levying a tax.

Continuing his discussion on water districts, the City Manager stated a sewer line was ready to be constructed in Williamson Creek, and either all or a part of Districts 4 and 5 should be acquired. A great deal of this property is ready to be annexed. He stated since No. 4 was serving a small area and most of it was within the valley of Williamson Creek, he recommended that this whole district be purchased. He pointed out some obstacles in developing new territory

due to the possibility of Water Districts' ability to levy taxes. The City Manager recommended buying Travis County Water District No. 4 and either all or part of No. 5; and in the meantime he wanted to see what could be done with Travis-Williamson County Water District No. 1, explaining its status, and explaining that some land in the city limits was on such a high level it could not presently be served by the Austin system, and that the Water District had a reservoir at a high level with booster pumps; but he would recommend later on purchasing this district. He explained the financing of purchasing Districts 4 and 5. Councilman Shanks moved that the City Manager be authorized to purchase WATER DISTRICT NO. 4, according to the contract, after the payment of their August maturities on bonds, and that this area be protected by the passage on first reading of an annexation ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when the roll was called: Councilman White

The City Manager stated when these districts were purchased the City assumed their refund contracts, which were set up differently than those inside the city limits.

The City Manager stated it would be his recommendation to buy the whole Water District No. 5, rather than to get involved with a part of it. No action was taken at this time.

Councilman Shanks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves the property situated on the west side of Bowie Street as a private gasoline plant consisting of one (1) 1,000 gallon tank and one (1) electric pump for the sole purpose of servicing their own motor equipment, and from which no gasoline is to be sold, which property is owned by Safway Rental Equipment Company, and is Lots 9, 10, 11, & 12, Block 4, of the Plateau Subdivision, of the City of Austin, Travis, County, Texas, and hereby authorizes the said Safway Rental Equipment Company to operate a private gasoline plant consisting of one (1) 1,000 gallon tank and one (1) electric pump for the sole purpose of servicing their own motor equipment, and from which no gasoline is to be sold, subject to the same being operated in compliance with all the ordinances relating thereto, and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the operation of this private gasoline plant after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution, and said permission shall be held to be granted, and accepted subject to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the proper police, traffic and fire regulations; and the right of revocation is retained

if, after hearing, it is found by the City Council that the said Safway Rental Equipment Company has failed and refused, and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"Austin, Texas
May 2, 1962

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.
City Manager
Austin, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"I, the undersigned have considered the application of Safway Rental Equipment Company, by their agent, Allen R. Rundell, for permission to operate a private gasoline plant consisting of one (1) 1,000 gallon underground tank and one (1) electric pump for the sole purpose of servicing their own motor equipment and from which no gasoline is to be sold, upon property located on the west side of Bowie Street, the north 50 feet of Lots 9, 10, 11, & 12, Block 4, of the Plateau Subdivision, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and locally known as 306 Bowie Street.

"This property is located in a "D" Industrial Area and I recommend that this permit be granted subject to the following conditions:

"(1) That the gasoline tanks and pumps shall be of an approved type and shall bear the label of the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., and that all tanks and pumps shall be installed in compliance with the Ordinance governing the storage and handling of gasoline.

"(2) That all tanks and pumps shall be located not nearer than 10 feet to the property line and so located that cars stopped for the purpose of unloading or receiving gasoline or other supplies shall not in any way obstruct the free passage of traffic on either the sidewalk, street, or alley.

"(3) That "NO SMOKING" signs shall at all times be prominently displayed and no person shall be permitted to smoke on the premises where gasoline is handled or stored.

"(4) That all fees shall be paid and a permit secured from the Building Inspector's Office before any installation work is started, and that no equipment shall be placed in operation until after final inspection and approval of same.

"Respectfully submitted,
s/ Dick T. Jordan
Building Official"

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

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 5:20 P.M.,
subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Sam E. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elise Hoosley
City Clerk

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Creator of Austin's magnificent hills and verdant valleys who inhabited them with His children, has now granted surcease from unparalleled labors, to one of His native sons, the inimitable Tom Miller, beloved Mayor Emeritus of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, few public servants have given so generously of such unique talents, or so completely of their very lives and fortunes, for so long a time as has Tom Miller, whose all-pervading ambition was being the servant of all in his beloved City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, during Tom Miller's long years of extraordinary service spent enriching the lives of all the people of his own City, his horizons were unlimited, and he was held in high esteem by both the lowly and the great and his profound influence will continue throughout his State; his Nation; and his World; Now, Therefore,

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

That the sincerest gratitude of the people of the City of Austin for the truly dedicated life of Tom Miller be recorded upon a page set apart in the official minutes of the City Council where he served with most remarkable distinction, and that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to his wonderful family.