

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Recessed Council Meeting of March 30, 1961

April 3, 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

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer announced this was a continuation of the Thursday, March 30th meeting, and the Council was in session to canvass the returns of the April 1st Council Election.

Box No. 4 for each precinct was opened, and unused ballots, mutilated ballots, "Register of Official Ballots", and "Register of Ballots Mutilated and Defaced", were checked.

In Ballot Box No. 4, Precinct No. 122, there was found a marked unofficial ballot. Councilman Bechtol stated the presiding judge should be commended for returning the ballot. Councilman Bechtol moved that this unofficial marked ballot be turned over to the City Attorney with the request that he make a full investigation. 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

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, by virtue of an election held in the City of Austin, Texas, on the 1st day of April, 1961, for the purpose of electing five Councilmen, the

official returns from the election officials and the canvass thereof by the City Council show that there were cast at said election 21,046 votes; and,

WHEREAS, said returns, and the canvass thereof, also show that the following named persons severally received the total votes set opposite their names respectively, to wit:

Councilman, Place No. 1

Bob Armstrong	Received 9,814
Mrs. Stuart (Emma) Long	Received 10,289
Dora H. Moore	Received 649
R. P. Brown	Received 1
Arthur DeWitty	Received 1

Councilman, Place No. 2

Ben White	Received 20,318
Booker T. Washington	Received 1
Bruce Rogers	Received 1
Herbert Beard, Jr.	Received 1
Mrs. Ruth Beard	Received 1
Prantis Perry	Received 1
C. T. Johnson	Received 1
Joe Lause	Received 1
Walter P. Webb	Received 1
David Barrow	Received 1
Paul Bolton	Received 3
James P. Hart	Received 1
Arthur DeWitty	Received 9
Hub Bechtol	Received 5
Rip Van Winkle	Received 1
Ray Kukestler	Received 1
George Mabry	Received 1
Glenn Garner	Received 1
Tom Pickney	Received 1
Dale Baker	Received 4
Bob Smith	Received 1
Will Wilson	Received 1
Jack Payton	Received 1
Rev. W. A. Clebsel	Received 1
J. J. Smallwood	Received 1
Ken Morton	Received 1
Herbert W. Beare	Received 2
Omer E. Evans	Received 1
Homer Hornby	Received 1
F. D. Boling	Received 1
Travis LaRue	Received 1
William Gardner	Received 1
Jack Sucke	Received 1
Bob Armstrong	Received 1
Jack Wiede	Received 2
Emma Long	Received 2

Councilman, Place No. 3

Louis F. Shanks	Received	10,130
Gene Slussler	Received	1,154
Travis LaRue	Received	9,251
Mrs. John Barrow	Received	1
Earl Yeakel	Received	1
Helen Mitchell	Received	3
Charles Johnson	Received	1
Hub Bechtol	Received	1
Sam H. Christon	Received	1
Earl Trull	Received	2
Tom Miller	Received	2
Mrs. Orson Marcus	Received	1
Mrs. Jane Lee	Received	1

Councilman, Place No. 4

Lester E. Palmer	Received	20,319
Lloyd Payne	Received	1
Roscoe Martin	Received	1
John E. Allen	Received	3
Jack Eisenberg	Received	1
Steve Heffington	Received	1
T. P. Weaver	Received	1
Leon Dann	Received	1
Carl Sandberg	Received	1
R. L. Monroe	Received	1
Charles M. Johnson	Received	1
Stein Smith	Received	1
R. D. Thorpe	Received	1
Jack N. Peyton	Received	1
Tom Miller	Received	1
Rev. Charles Summers	Received	1
Arthur Mitchell	Received	1
Mrs. Virginia Gestenberg	Received	2
Paul Bolton	Received	1
C. H. Slater	Received	1
Madison D. Scott	Received	1
Emmitt Glasson	Received	1
Dr. Roy Lemond	Received	1

Councilman, Place No. 5

Edgar Perry	Received	12,178
Glenn Garner	Received	8,440
Hub Bechtol	Received	1
Tom Davis III	Received	1
F. O. Barrow	Received	1
Katie Walls	Received	1
Wade H. Jordan, Jr.	Received	2

TOTAL vote cast at election 21,046 ; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that Ben White received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman, Place No. 2, Lester E. Palmer received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman Place No. 4, and Edgar H. Perry III received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman, Place No. 5; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that no candidate received a majority of all the votes cast at said election for Councilman, Place No. 1, but that Bob Armstrong and Mrs. Stuart (Emma) Long are the two candidates who received in said election the highest number of votes for Councilman, Place No. 1; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that no candidate received a majority of all votes cast at said election for Councilman, Place No. 3, but that Louis F. Shanks and Travis LaRue are the two candidates who received in said election the highest number of votes for Councilman, Place No. 3; Now, Therefore,

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

That, in accordance with said returns, as received and canvassed, the following named persons are hereby declared duly elected and authorized to qualify for the position of Councilman for the City of Austin, for the term of two years beginning May 15, 1961:

Place No. 2 - Ben White

Place No. 4 - Lester E. Palmer

Place No. 5 - Edgar H. Perry III

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That in accordance with said returns, and the canvass thereof, that the two following named persons set opposite the place indicated below are hereby declared to be the two candidates for each such place who received in said election the highest number of votes for each place indicated to which no one was elected and shall be voted on again:

Councilman, Place No. 1

Bob Armstrong
Mrs. Stuart (Emma) Long

Councilman, Place No. 3

Louis F. Shanks
Travis LaRue

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 introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A RUN-OFF ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 29, 1961, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS BEGINNING MAY 15, 1961, DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES IN THE VARIOUS PRECINCTS; AND PROVIDING THE PROCLAMATION OF SAID ELECTION; 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.

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 subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED


Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:


City Clerk