

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

September 18, 1961  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

## Roll call:

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

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 PALMER announced this was a meeting held to canvass the returns of the election held on September 16, 1961, at which was submitted to the qualified voters for their action the firemen's initiative ordinance, and an alternative ordinance proposed by the City Council (Ordinance 610810-D) and questions of whether or not the City should get out of the abattoir business, the cemetery business, and the hospital business.

The Council canvassed the returns. Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

## (RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 610810-D and Ordinance No. 610824-D duly passed by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, an election was held in the City of Austin on the 16th Day of September, 1961, at which was submitted to the qualified voters of said city for their action thereon that certain initiated ordinance pertaining to firemen filed by petition in the office of the City Clerk on June 1, 1961, and an alternative ordinance on the same subject proposed by the City Council contained in Ordinance No. 610810-D; and also the questions of whether or not the City of Austin should get out of the abattoir (slaughterhouse) business, the cemetery business, and the hospital business; and,

WHEREAS, on this the 18th day of September, 1961 there came on to be considered the returns of said election; and,

WHEREAS, upon the consideration of the returns of said election, it appears that the same was in all respects legally held, after due notice had been given, and that the said returns were duly and legally made; and,

WHEREAS, it further appears from said returns that there were cast at said election 15084 votes on the proposition for the adoption or rejection by the voters of Ordinance No. 1 and Ordinance No. 2 respectively, of which number 4868 votes were cast for Ordinance No. 1; and 9087 votes were cast for Ordinance No. 2; and 1129 votes were cast against both ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, it further appears from said returns that there were cast at said election 13,945 votes on the proposition of whether the City should get out of the abattoir (slaughterhouse) business, of which number 7,258 votes were cast for the city getting out of the abattoir (slaughterhouse) business and 6687 votes were cast against the City getting out of the abattoir (slaughterhouse) business; and,

WHEREAS, it further appears from said returns that there were cast at said election 14082 votes on the proposition of whether the City should get out of the cemetery business, of which number 5035 votes were cast for the City getting out of the cemetery business, and 9047 votes were cast against the City getting out of the cemetery business; and,

WHEREAS, it further appears from said returns that there were cast at said election 14304 votes on the proposition of whether the City should get out of the hospital business, of which number 4209 votes were cast for the City getting out of the hospital business, and 10095 votes were cast against the City getting out of the hospital business; Now, Therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the aforesaid election was duly and legally called and notice thereof given in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the ordinances calling said election; that said election was held in strict conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and the returns thereof have been properly made to the officials of the City entitled to receive same; that only qualified electors of the said City of Austin, Texas, were permitted to vote at said election; and further that said election properly represents the desires of those qualified to vote as aforesaid.

SECTION 2. That the City Council's ordinance requiring equal pay for equal work performed by firemen and policemen; providing for longevity pay and uniform allowances for firemen and policemen; and providing equal vacation and holiday time for firemen and policemen and other municipal employees was approved by a majority of the electors of said City voting at said election and that pursuant to the provisions of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Austin, said submitted ordinance has thereby become effective as an ordinance of the City of Austin, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 610916-A

CITY COUNCIL'S ORDINANCE REQUIRING EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK PERFORMED BY FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN; PROVIDING FOR LONGEVITY PAY AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCES FOR FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN; AND PROVIDING EQUAL VACATION AND HOLIDAY TIME FOR FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN AND OTHER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

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

PART 1. Classified employees of the Fire Department and

Police Department shall receive equal pay for equal work pursuant to ordinances prescribing uniform and equitable plans for administration of wages and salaries to be paid to the employees of the City.

PART 2. Classified employees in the Fire Department and Police Department shall receive longevity pay and uniform and clothing allowances pursuant to ordinances prescribing equitable provisions therefor.

PART 3. Firemen, policemen, and other municipal employees shall all have the same total number of days of vacation and holidays or days in lieu of holidays.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to the provisions of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Austin that certain initiated ordinance pertaining to firemen filed by petition in the office of the City Clerk on June 1, 1961 and rejected by the City Council was defeated by a majority of the qualified electors of said city voting at said election.

SECTION 4. That the proposition for the City of Austin to get out of the abattoir (slaughterhouse) business was sustained by a majority of the qualified electors of said city voting at said election.

SECTION 5. That the proposition for the City of Austin getting out of the cemetery business was defeated by a majority of the qualified electors of said city voting at said election.

SECTION 6. That the proposition for the City of Austin getting out of the hospital business was defeated by a majority of the qualified electors of said City voting at said election.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Armstrong

Tabulation of votes: see following page.

There being no further business the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Lu to E. Palmer  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Edna Hooley  
City Clerk

## ELECTION SEPTEMBER 16, 1961

	ORDINANCE 1	ORDINANCE 2	AGAINST BOTH ORDINANCES	ABATTOIR FOR AGAINST	CEMETERY FOR AGAINST	HOSPITAL FOR AGAINST	TOTAL
121 Palm School (637)	70	71	13	47	43	52	154
122 Pan American Center (882)	94	111	5	39	25	20	210
123 Bickler Sch. Adm. Bldg. (505)	24	79	2	46	32	37	105
124 Wesley Chapel Church (1523)	122	154	14	79	77	72	290
125 Doris Miller Aud. (1275)	122	56	9	66	51	51	187
126 Govalle School (859)	89	93	5	49	44	39	187
127 Allen Jr. High Sch. (340)	41	44	3	24	25	14	88
128 Zion Hill Bp't. Church (1429)	123	127	12	72	54	52	262
129 Sims School (603)	38	60	4	27	18	20	108
130 Robert E. Lee Sch. (749)	79	140	16	97	78	52	235
131 Maplewood Sch. (1595)	168	371	39	269	184	155	578
132 Harris School (2450)	299	512	67	498	334	236	878
221 Pease School (708)	68	112	15	94	64	54	200
222 O'Henry Jr. High Sch. (1043)	151	211	26	173	122	102	388
223 Austin High Sch. (560)	49	112	13	81	59	61	174
224 Mathews School (1607)	134	415	42	251	162	146	591
225 Univ. Presby. Ch. (567)	49	113	12	75	49	45	174
226 Dill School (1760)	172	455	68	396	269	215	721

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227 Wooldridge Sch. (599)	37	82	13	57	46	27	132
228 First Nazarene Ch. (1123)	130	191	34	156	91	86	360
229 Brykerwoods Sch. (1809)	129	571	79	453	284	243	812
230 Casis School (1578)	85	529	48	379	243	190	662
231 Baker School (1013)	103	176	32	158	104	91	333
232 Northside Ch. of Christ (908)	139	171	30	157	119	111	354
233 Rosedale Bapt. Ch. (1203)	175	237	35	193	133	101	447
234 Ridgetop School (2071)	299	422	60	341	248	220	781
235 McCallum High Sch. (1525)	242	292	43	260	176	168	577
236 Rosedale School (2378)	244	610	69	546	351	285	926
237 Highland Park Sch. (1629)	100	499	53	422	262	208	658
238 T.A. Brown Sch. (743)	59	98	21	104	82	60	186
239 Brentwood Sch. (2259)	297	479	62	446	318	259	838
321 Frank McBee's Office (1610)	211	264	29	165	129	104	504
322 Zilker School (2135)	298	502	62	432	299	250	862
323 St. Elmo School (1545)	191	277	44	227	181	163	512
421 Grace Meth. Ch. (1001)	102	232	25	197	141	116	359
422 Travis Heights Sch. (808)	103	184	23	163	115	84	318
423 Allison School (312)	<u>32</u> 4868	<u>35</u> 9087	<u>2</u> 1129	<u>19</u> 7258	<u>23</u> 5035	<u>20</u> 4209	<u>69</u> 15220