

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

July 6, 1961
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, Mayor Palmer
Absent: Councilman White

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 FATHER HAROLD ZINK, St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Mayor introduced MAYOR W. EARL LOGAN, Mayor of LaMesa, California.

MR. CHARLES HERRING submitted an application for transfer of the franchises of Yellow Cab Company and Checker Company, which are two cab companies operated in Austin as partnerships at the present time, and owned by J. P. FISHER and his brother. He stated they had agreed to sell both of these companies to MR. ROBERT COWDEN and MR. E. J. ROBINETT of Wichita Falls, Texas. MR. PERRY JONES, representing the parties from Wichita Falls, requested tentative approval of the application for the transfer of the franchises conditioned upon the new owners' compliance with requirements of the city of insurance, bonds, gross receipts taxes and other requirements. Councilman Armstrong suggested that these taxicab drivers should welcome everybody who gets into the cabs from the Airport, and sell the city to them--the Capitol, the University, the historic places, the Highland Lakes, and ask their passengers to come back to Austin; and if the drivers would cooperate with the Police Department in the crime prevention, they would be doing a real service. He suggested if their Safety meetings would include representatives from the Police Department, the City, and Chamber of Commerce, fine ideas could be suggested along this public relations and the drivers could really build the city. MR. COWDEN stated his company was a member of the Safety Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and participated in all community activities. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that the Council give tentative approval of the franchise transfers subject to the satisfaction of all requirements necessary. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Armstrong offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a certain easement for public utility purposes, in upon and across the west five (5.00) feet of Lot 39 Tarrytown, a portion of the Daniel J. Gilbert Survey, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, was reserved according to a map or plat of said Tarrytown of record in Book 3 at page 213 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owner of said Lot has requested the City Council of the City of Austin to release said easement for public utility purposes; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined by said City Council that the above described easement is not now needed and will not be needed in the future; Now, Therefore,

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

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

All of the west five (5.00) feet of Lot 39 Tarrytown, a subdivision of a portion of the Daniel J. Gilbert Survey, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Tarrytown of record in Book 3, at page 213 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman White

Councilman Armstrong introduced the following ordinance and moved that it be published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 9.8 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING AND A PART OF THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY 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 motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman White

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Armstrong moved that

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

That the bid of Glesen & Latson Construction Company in the sum of \$174,088.07 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 Glesen & Latson Construction Company.

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

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

Councilman Armstrong moved that the Council accept the withdrawal of the following zoning applications:

ELTON C. MARCUM By Carter Lester	812 Park Boulevard 4200-04 Red River	From "A" Residence To "LR" Local Retail
KELLY DeBUSK	2918-3020 So. Lamar Boulevard 2300-2302 Westforest Drive	From "GR" General Retail To "C" Commercial
J. B. FORD	2300-2304 Enfield Road	From "B" Residence 1st Height & Area To "B" Residence 2nd Height & Area

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

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

Pursuant to published notice thereof the following zoning applications were publicly heard:

BULLARD COMPANY W.H. Bullard, President By Dan Priest	1102-1106 Koenig Lane	From "A" Residence and "LR" Local Retail To "C" Commercial NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission RECOMMENDED "GR" General Retail and "B" Residence on rear of property
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No opposition appeared. Councilman Perry moved that the change be granted to "GR" General Retail and the rear of the property be granted to "B" Residence. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail and on the rear of the property to "B" Residence and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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PAUL C. WALTER	6828-6832 Burnet Road	From "A" Residence To "O" Office RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
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No opposition appeared. Councilman Perry moved that the change be granted to "O" Office. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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FRANK C. BARRON	4806-4902 New Manor Road	From "BB" Residence To "B" Residence RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
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No opposition appeared. Councilman Perry moved that the change be granted to "B" Residence. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "B" Residence and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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C. T. USELTON	2806-2902 Interregional Highway; 2807-2901 Cole Street Additional Area: 2802-2804 Interregional Highway 2803-05 Cole Street	From "B" Residence To "C" Commercial RECOMMENDED by the Planning plus Additional area
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No opposition appeared. Councilman Perry moved that the change be

granted to "C" Commercial, including the additional area. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

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

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MR. & MRS. EDWARD NASSOUR	708 West 9th Street 901 West Avenue	From "B" Residence 2nd Height & Area To "O" Office 2nd Height & Area RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
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No opposition appeared. Councilman Armstrong moved that the change be granted to "O" Office 2nd Height and Area. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office 2nd Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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RALPH MORELAND	5301-09 Airport Boulevard 800-08 East 53½ Street (5325-5333 Airport Blvd.)	From "C" Commercial To "C-2" Commercial RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
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No opposition appeared. Councilman Shanks moved that the change be granted to "C-2" Commercial. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-2" Commercial and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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EDWIN LONDON
By Edward Maurer

Rear of 1007 West 32nd
Street and rear of
3110-18 Lamar Boulevard

From "A" Residence 5th
Height & Area
To "O" Office (amended)
RECOMMENDED by the
Planning Commission

No opposition appeared. Councilman Perry moved that the change be granted to "O" Office. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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H. E. BUTT GROCERY CO.
By Edward M. Horne

2212-2306 Hancock Drive
2129-2233 North Loop

From "GR" General Retail
To "C" Commercial
NOT Recommended by the
Planning Commission
RECOMMENDED "GR" General
Retail 2nd Height & Area

Mr. Hooper, represented the applicant, stating they were agreeable to the recommendation of "GR" General Retail 2nd Height and Area. Councilman Armstrong moved that the change be granted to "GR" General Retail 2nd Height and Area. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail 2nd Height and Area and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

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TEX-MART INDUSTRIES &
NORTHTOWNE COMPANY
By Glenn Cater

Tract 1
7900-42 Burnet Road
2400-2808 Anderson Lane

From "A" Residence,
"C" Commercial &
Interim "A" Residence
To "GR" General Retail

Tract 2
Rear of 2514-2604
Anderson Lane

From Interim "A" Residence
To "C-2" Commercial

Tract 3
7944-8124 Burnet Road
2810-2822 Anderson Lane

From "A" Residence &
Interim "A" Residence
To "GR" General Retail

All three tracts RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission

MR. CATER represented the applicants. The Planning Director stated there was a question of an agreement between the various owners and the city as to the development of streets and the solution of the drainage problems. He read a telegram from the owners in Dallas. MR. JIM McCULLICK appeared in the interest of the application as pertained to proper drainage. Councilman Armstrong moved that the zoning on Tract 2 be granted to "C-2" Commercial 1st Height and Area. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Shanks moved that the Council grant "GR" General Retail 1st Height and Area on Tracts 1 and 3, subject to the filing with the City Attorney the necessary documents that the owners will not sell off or subdivide without making provision for the streets and drainage. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "C-2" Commercial 1st Height and Area for Tract 2; and "GR" General Retail 1st Height and Area for Tracts 1 and 3 subject to the provisions stated in the motion, and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinances to cover.

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LEO L. SMITH	5216 Avenue G 205-207 East 53rd Street	From "LR" Local Retail To "C" Commercial NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
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At the request of the applicant who was ill, Councilman Armstrong moved that the application be postponed until next week. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

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ROY A. MILLER By Edward M. Horne	3400-3500 Manor Road 2200-2228 Anchor Lane	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission RECOMMENDED "GR" General Retail
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No action was taken by the Council.

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MANUEL HAROS

1704 Haskell Street

From "A" Residence
To "LR" Local Retail
NOT Recommended by the
Planning Commission

The Council took no action.

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BERT W. REINKE
By E. H. Smartt

709-13, 901-13 East
Live Oak and 2200-08,
2201-2207 Alta Vista
Avenue

From Interim "A" Resi-
dence and
"A" Residence
To "B" Residence
NOT Recommended by the
Planning Commission

MR. SMARTT represented the applicant, stating the western portion of the tract is well developed with rental units moved in, and it was intended to develop the other property into a multiple housing project. He pointed out the disadvantages of developing it in single family dwellings. MR. CHRIS MILLICAN stated the first construction would have 18 units with 34 parking spaces; the other would have 16 units on the west side. Mr. Smartt stated to make a residential subdivision, the lots would be 50 x 200-250. He stated South Austin could use a development of this kind; that merchants in the area favored the proposal. It was pointed out just a portion of the area lay in the Travis Heights area. Opposition was expressed by MR. HUGH TARRANT for himself and six of his neighbors, as they had purchased their homes in what they were told was the finest development in Austin; that this was in an elementary school district with many children, and the added traffic would be hazardous to these children, MR. J. C. DAVIS, 2305 Alta Vista protested the change. Opposition was expressed by MR. LUTHER ROBBINS, MR. FRED WEST, and MRS. ROY B. ESTEPP. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that the application be DENIED. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the change had been DENIED.

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MRS. ESSIE I. BEARD
By William P. Danforth

1715 West 35th Street

From "A" Residence
To "C-1" Commercial
NOT Recommended by the
Planning Commission

MR. DANFORTH represented the applicant stating they proposed a grocery drive-in type of business. The Director of Planning stated this would permit beer-to-go for the drive-in grocery, or in connection with a cafe; and there was no mention made of the type of development. He stated on one side the area was adjacent to a commercial area; on the other side "A" Residence; that

the Commission's decision was not made on the basis that the property should be developed for retail sale, but was made on the exclusive use as "C-1" Commercial. MR. DANFORTH pointed out four "C-1" Commercial zonings in the immediate area and asked that the application be considered along with the other lot owned by Mr. Mueller and Mrs. Danforth, since it is already commercial. It was suggested that the lot adjoining be zoned "C-1" Commercial, and lot applied for be zoned "C" Commercial. The Council decided to make a personal inspection of the area. Action was postponed.

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PLANNING COMMISSION AREA STUDY	700-04, 708-16 and 701-07 West 34th Street 3304-3404 King Street	From "A" Residence To "O" Office RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
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Opposition was expressed by MR. C. H. WILLIAMS, 3504 West Avenue, as the area was a natural residential area. He inquired why were offices needed, as all of the houses were occupied. The Director of Planning drew a map of the area, showing the various uses. MR. WALTER BARNS submitted a number of pictures showing condition of the houses zoned other than "A" Residential, and of the nice homes still in the Residential area. Mr. Williams stated as offices were brought in to residential neighborhoods, still inhabited, the people will begin to leave and the neighborhood will go down. He stated new development in homes had begun with seven new houses on West Avenue. If the zone is changed, Mr. Williams stated he would not spend any more on the upkeep of his home, as the area would be on the down-grade, and he asked about other vacant "O" Office areas that could be used rather than coming into this residential area. MAYOR PALMER stated this was a plan to establish an area rather than to hear each request for a zoning change. MR. BARROW, Planning Commission Chairman, stated he believed this recommendation would protect the area rather than let it give-way to various commercial uses. MR. BARNS filed more pictures of homes that are now in commercial use, and in a run-down condition. He stated he would no longer keep his home up if the zoning of this area is changed. He believed the question was the timing. Mayor Palmer stated the proposed zoning would prevent the property from turning into commercial property, and nearly every development under "O" Office has been a very high type of development. After long discussion, the Council decided to make a personal inspection of the area. No action was taken.

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EVERETT H. GIVENS By Kenneth R. Lamkin	Rear of 1612 Greenwood Avenue	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
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DR. EVERETT H. GIVENS appeared in his own behalf, stating they had an alternate design to present in place of the one the Council had seen previously. He asked for the privilege of developing the area as "B" Residence if he had the opportunity of making the sale. Mayor Palmer read a report from the Planning Director regarding the costs of developing the proposed dedication of a street running westerly from Redwood Avenue, about 600', covering water line extension, sanitary sewer, curbs, gutters, and paving; drainage, and gas lines. MR. W. R. COLEMAN, Planning Consultant, submitted a design for a nursing home and showing

a proposed cul de sac on the plot instead of the extension of Greenwood Street. With this development, the cost would be much less. It was stated this plan would be possible from an engineering stand point, but would not be desirable. MR. KENNETH LAMKIN, Attorney, representing Dr. Givens, discussed the street dedication, and the cost to the property owners, which cost was more than some of the property was worth. The Director of Planning recommended that this plan submitted this morning not be accepted, as it would cut off access to property to the west. The Chairman of the Planning Commission, Mr. David Barrow, stated this matter was a street arrangement, and should be referred back to the Plan Commission. The Director of Planning discussed the problems involved unless the entire street with utilities was developed. Mr. Lamkin inquired if the matter were referred back to the Planning Commission would it consider the cul de sac plan. Mr. Barrow stated it would be considered. Finally, after much discussion, Councilman Perry moved that the Council resubmit this application to the Planning Commission. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent Absent: Councilman White

Councilman Armstrong asked that the Commission try to give these people some action pretty fast, and that every consideration be given.

The Mayor announced that this had been referred back to the Planning Commission for further study.

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The City Manager reported he had a memorandum from the City Attorney regarding a new statute on zoning, an amendment to Article 1011f which would allow public hearings on applications for changes of zoning to be held by the Planning Commission and the Council. He stated the law permitted this, but it was not self-enacting, and it would be necessary for the Council to amend the local zoning ordinance and establish such proceedings. It would be necessary to submit this to the Planning Commission, who would hold public hearings on the amendment. He suggested the Council might want to consider the matter and get an expression from the Planning Commission. He stated he just wanted to call this to the Council's attention that it is possible. The City Attorney explained this would not be a joint body, but both groups would hear the same evidence at the same time. The matter was discussed. MAYOR PALMER asked the Planning Department to check and see what the Planning Commission feels about it, and the matter will be discussed further.

MR. CAL MARSHALL appeared in the interest of developing property off the Webberville Road. The City Manager explained it would be necessary to vacate an old drainage easement in connection with the development of a new subdivision. He showed on a map the area dedicated sometime ago for drainage purposes. Mr. Marshall has proposed that a new easement for drainage be made to take the place of the old easement. The City Manager stated the original proposition was that the vacation of the easement would place the title back to the former owner. Mr. Marshall stated he had a deed from him deeding a portion to the city so that it would have access to the tract. The matter had been referred to the

Plan Commission, and it had recommended the vacation of the easement, and recommended the installation of an open drainage way through the other portion of the land. Mr. Marshall stated he would deed a little tract to the city. The Director of Public Works stated the street in front of this little tract was not paved. Councilman Perry was interested in the future responsibilities of the city with this open ditch. The Council took no action as it wanted to make a personal inspection of the area.

The Mayor read a letter from CORPORATION JUDGE PAT DOUGHERTY regarding his vacation time--July 17th through July 31st. Councilman Shanks moved that this be referred to the Legal Department with the request they fill this position during this vacation period. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Armstrong moved that the City Manager be authorized to purchase the tract of land on West 3rd Street and adjacent to the Sand Beach Reserve for \$500.00. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager submitted the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Water Treatment Plant, Mr. Ullrich, to purchase two middle lots between San Antonio and Nueces Streets. Councilman Shanks inquired if this were set up in the budget. The City Manager stated the Utility Fund had provided for the purchase of certain properties. The City Manager discussed the price and the assessed value of the two lots, and stated it was his recommendation that they be purchased. Councilman Armstrong stated the City should buy that property to protect the Water Plant. Councilman Armstrong moved that the purchase of these two lots, Lots 2 and 3, Block 23, Original City, be authorized. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager submitted a letter from MR. V. F. TAYLOR, stating by letter dated June 26th, the City directed paving and curbing assessment notices to three property owners in South Austin, the assessment date being July 31, 1961. Mr. Taylor wrote this came as quite a surprise to the owners, MRS. LOUIS REUTER, MR. and MRS. R. E. STROMBERG, and himself. He asked in their behalf if the present assessment date could be delayed or postponed at least 30 days to give time to gather information and data before penalty or increase assessment

is invoked; and that this group be given an early opportunity to appear before the Council for the purpose of presenting their position with respect to the proposed paving and curbing. The City Manager stated the street is used as an access street for the school, and the street was included while there was other street paving in the area. Councilman Armstrong stated there was plenty of time between now and the 31st for the group to appear before the Council, and there would be no need to defer the date. (Rosedale Terrace)

The City Manager reported on a meeting with MR. WOODROW PATTERSON, Attorney, and MR. E. C. McCLURE. He said he had a check from MR. LEM SCARBROUGH signed by Mr. McClure dated July 3rd, as they wanted to get the whole street paved. The matter was brought up by the owners of Holiday Inn requesting Atkinson Road to be paved from the Interregional Highway back to their property line. They were told the paving could be extended to the next street, Bennett Avenue. The Holiday Inn owners said they would pay for that block's paving, which would give 50% over to Bennett, and the Council declared the necessity to pave. Mr. Patterson stated Mr. Scarbrough, when his property was zoned Commercial, agreed to give 10' right-of-way all the way through to Cameron Road, but it was his purpose to develop the whole street, and not a part; and it was not his intent to give 10' right-of-way and let the rest go. The City Manager stated Mr. McClure signed, on behalf of Mr. Scarbrough, asking for the whole street to be paved. He owns 50%. The City Manager suggested that Mr. McClure check with Mr. Hunter Schieffer about the right-of-way from his property; and if both would put up the ten feet, the City would attempt to get the remaining strip from the lots in between. Mr. Patterson stated Mr. Hunter Schieffer was willing, but Mr. Watt Schieffer wanted to know about the drainage. The City Manager stated there are five blocks where there will be needed an additional five feet, and he showed the properties on a strip map. The Director of Public Works stated the paving was being held up until the 34" water main was in place. Mayor Palmer asked if the contract could be extended. The Director of Public Works stated he had not asked the contractor, Giesen & Latson. No action was taken by the Council.

The Director of Public Works stated there was a utility tunnel to serve the Texas Memorial Museum, but the tunnel is too small to serve both the museum and New Arts Building. Officials from the University have asked for permission to cut the pavement on San Jacinto Boulevard to enlarge the tunnel. Mr. McGee is making the installation. The Traffic Department has arranged for one lane of traffic open each way. During the morning, there will be two lanes in; and in the afternoon there will be two lanes out. The City Manager explained the standing policy regarding private utility owners crossing the streets with their utilities; but he stated this was primarily a steam tunnel crossing. He explained the status of San Jacinto as a University Street, and not in the same status as other streets in Austin. The street is university property, and the public uses it and the City handles the traffic control. Councilman Shanks moved that the University of Texas be authorized to make the pavement cut across San Jacinto Street. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager stated that last week the Council had asked that he check into the status of Allandale Terrace, Section.2. He reviewed the various matters in detail. Mayor Palmer stated the matter would be brought up again next Thursday. Councilman Shanks suggested that the subdivider come down and discuss it with the Council.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from LENA and BEATRICE CLIFTON objecting to their property being fogged by the Health Department without notice. The Mayor stated the Council did tell the people who did not want to be fogged to let the Public Health Officer know. The matter was referred to Dr. Primer.

The Mayor read a letter asking that the Austin Transit Company not be granted their request for favors in Austin, and stating the bus service was worse than ever.

A letter from Mr. Woodrow Patterson regarding paving of Atkinson Road was received. The City Manager stated Mr. Patterson had been informed by telephone and orally in answer to his inquiries.

Mayor Palmer submitted a letter from Mr. Bert Ford. The Director of Public Works stated his request had been taken care of and they were working out the driveway problems.

Mayor Palmer submitted a letter from MR. DAVID PARKS, 6405 Berkman Drive, stating his desire to purchase the city owned lot facing Hickman Avenue at the rear of the newly proposed Berkman Drive Fire Station (6401-03 Berkman Drive). The Council discussed this, and the Mayor stated it was still in the development stage.

Mayor Palmer stated MR. JAKE PICKLE, Chairman of a Committee in the Chamber of Commerce is suggesting that the Council appoint a committee made up of members of the Parks Board, Recreation Department, Planning Commission, Public Works Department, Chamber of Commerce, Civic groups, Women's organizations, University of Texas Architectural School, State Highway Department, and others, and that such Liason Committee compile, or make available, information, data, plans, or recommendations now on hand or being planned, to the proper consultant. He further suggested that the Council

- (1) Ask the Zoning Board to emphasize the continued regulation for the use of all private property on the Town Lake shoreline, and to soon establish a permanent set of zoning restrictions.
- (2) Select a well known architect or planner to supervise and coordinate all plans and information made available to him and to recommend within 6 months a complete land and water use plan for the Lake.

The City Manager asked who would employ the consultant. Mayor Palmer stated the lakes might be one of the greatest assets the City has, and it might be well to get some kind of professional help to develop the lake.

It was mentioned setting up signs directing tourists to the lake. The City Manager recommended a tract of land purchased for highway and park purposes from MR. RICHARD SCHMIDT. He stated this property would be an ideal site for the signs. Mayor Palmer suggested that the Council appoint the Committee, and have an over-all development plan with a committee that will study it. Councilman Armstrong stated tourists were being routed over US 81 through Austin to the coast and to the valley; but in none of these routings, did anyone recommend that they stop in Austin to sight-see. He stated signs should be placed for tourists information. He stated someone should go to cities close by and hand the tourists colored maps of the Highland Lakes and get them to remain in Austin for a while. Councilman Shanks asked if the Chamber of Commerce would do that. He suggested that Mr. Pickle be named Chairman of this Committee. Mayor Palmer stated he would check with him.

The Mayor asked that the problem of MR. LEONARD WRIGHT be checked, and brought in next Thursday.

Councilman Armstrong submitted a complaint that many people had gone out to Rosewood Park to see the fireworks on July 4th, but they did not have them this year. The City Manager stated these were put on by the Jaycees usually, and that the Recreation Department did not put them on.

Councilman Armstrong submitted a request that a ditch running by Doris Miller be cleaned out, as the ball players lose a lot of baseballs in there. He also submitted a request that the creek near Landon Lane be cleaned out. The Director of Public Works was asked to check to see if the City had easements where it could get in and clean the creek.

Councilman Shanks moved that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate for the property belonging to ROY MILLER on the New Manor Road and Anchor Lane. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager stated some land on the north side of the airport was needed for airport related activities, and pointed out some land that would be desirable. Councilman Shanks moved that the City Manager be authorized to attempt to acquire the property mentioned. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Armstrong moved that the City Manager be authorized to sell the surplus Berkman tract plus the eight acres less one acre on the other side of Berkman Drive and retain an acre of land squared out on 51st and Berkman Drive, and submit a proposition to the Council. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Palmer asked that a check be made on the number of disinterments that will have to be made in Plummer's Cemetery.

Councilman Shanks reported a citizen had a boat stolen on the Town Lake and asked if the Police Department could patrol that lake. The City Manager stated a patrolman in an automobile could handle that.

Councilman Armstrong asked that an investigation be made on the tampering of meter loops.

The Mayor read a letter from MR. FRANK DENIUS regarding certain statements the Council had asked for in connection with the Austin Transit Corporation's request for adjustment in rates. The information submitted was in reference to the amount of money that might be saved by the Company should it take off its service on Sundays and nights.

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

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

The Council adjourned at 7:10 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Lucas E. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Clara Mosley
City Clerk