

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

January 11, 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, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: Councilman Shanks

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 REV. JAMES W. MORGAN, University Methodist Church.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of December 21, 1961, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The Council greeted and welcomed ANNETTE HIBLER, and JOY HOPPE, from William B. Travis High School Civics Class.

MR. DAVID BARROW, Chairman of the Lake Study Committee, made a report on its first meeting listing some items it wanted to bring to the Council's attention. (1) The Committee would like to see the work done on the lake, pending some final plan, kept to a minimum as far as possible; and it would like to be contacted with reference to any work that is going to be of any major nature to see if it will fit into the final plan. (2) The Committee recommends that the Council carefully consider any zoning application which is anywhere close to the water's edge--say 500', as well as any building permit that may come in before the final adoption of permanent plans for use and beautifications of the lake or lake shore. He stated the Committee might want

to talk to the owners and try to discuss the matters and try to get cooperative development which would be for the best of the city and best for the property owners. The Council discussed a procedure whereby no building permit within a certain distance be issued until it was approved by the Council. MR. ED ST. JOHN recommended that the Lake be officially named. Mayor Palmer stated the zoning would be pretty-well safeguarded as each application would have to go before the Plan Commission. After discussion, Councilman Armstrong moved that the City Manager be requested to instruct the Building Inspector not to issue building permits within an area of 500' on each side of the water's edge of the Lake between Pleasant Valley Road and Tom Miller Dam, except after submitting the same to the City Council for approval. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

COUNCILMAN ARMSTRONG said he had many people ask him when the Council met, and suggested that Sears, Roebuck Bulletin of the Air, and all other news media, carry an announcement of the date of the Council Meetings and invite the citizens to attend.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER
INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH CAL MARSHALL; 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:

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Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Shanks

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 PRINGLE BROTHERS, INCORPORATED, FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROPOSED BUILDING LINE, SAID PROPOSED BUILDING LINE BEING THE WEST LINE OF LAVACA STREET FROM THE NORTH LINE OF WEST FIRST STREET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THAT CERTAIN ALLEY THAT TRAVERSES BLOCK 3 IN THE ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WAIVING ANY CLAIM WHICH THE CITY OF AUSTIN MAY HAVE FOR REAL OR SUPPOSED ENCROACHMENT ON SAID STREET; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 3 OF THE ORIGINAL CITY
OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, SAME BEING THE NORTH
LINE OF WEST 1ST STREET; WAIVING ANY CLAIM WHICH THE
CITY OF AUSTIN MAY HAVE FOR REAL OR SUPPOSED ENCROACH-
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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROPOSED BUILDING LINE, ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST EIGHTH STREET, SAID BUILDING LINE BEING SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 95 IN THE ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WAIVING ANY CLAIM WHICH THE CITY OF AUSTIN MAY HAVE FOR REAL OR SUPPOSED ENCROACHMENT ON SAID STREET; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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Councilman White 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 north side of Canon Street as a private gasoline plant consisting of a one (1) 550 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 B. & B. Electric Company, and is Lot 9, Block J, of the Plaza Place Addition, of the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and hereby authorized the said B. & B. Electric Company to operate a private gasoline plant consisting of a one (1) 550 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 re-

commendations; 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 B. & B. Electric Company has failed and refused, and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"Austin, Texas
January 9, 1962

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

"Dear Sir:

"I, the undersigned, have considered the application of B. & B. Electric Company, by their agent, D. H. Barnett, for permission to operate a private gasoline plant consisting of a one (1) 550 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 north side of Canion Street, which property is designated as Lot 9, Block J, Plaza Place Addition in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and locally known as 634 Canion Street.

"This property is located in a "C" Commercial District 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 Perry, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Shanks

Decisions on the following zoning applications deferred from last week were postponed:

MRS. LALLAGE J. EGLESTON	1149E & 1151E Nickols Avenue	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
JACK ANDREWARTHA By Phil Mockford	1911 David Street	From "A" Residence To "BB" Residence NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission

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

ALFONSO H. LOPEZ	2500 Hidalgo Street 621-623 Pedernales Street	From "D" Industrial 3rd Height & Area To "C-1" Commercial 3rd Height & Area NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
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Councilman White moved that an ordinance be brought in covering the zoning request. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor 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: (1) THREE (3) LOTS FRONTING 255.86 FEET ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY AND 231 FEET ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BROOKS STREET, SAME BEING LOTS 9-11, BLOCK 3, BROOKS SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 6000-6006 INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY AND 6007-6011 BROOKS STREET, FROM "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (2) ONE LOT HAVING AN AVERAGE DEPTH OF 183 FEET AND A FRONTAGE OF 67.19 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF EAST 52ND STREET AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET EAST OF CAMERON ROAD, SAME BEING LOT 2, C.D.N. ADDITION #2, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1120 EAST 52ND STREET, FROM "BB" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O"

OFFICE DISTRICT; (3) THREE LOTS FRONTING 104 FEET ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF EAST AVENUE AND 180 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF EAST 32ND STREET, SAME BEING LOTS 83, 84 AND THE WEST 40 FEET OF THE SOUTH 104 FEET OF LOT 82, AVALON "D" SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 3201-3203 EAST AVENUE AND 1100-1106 EAST 32ND STREET, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; (4) TWO LOTS FRONTING 138 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF EAST 12TH STREET AND 160 FEET ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NECHES STREET, SAME BEING LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 138, ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 407-409 EAST 12TH STREET AND 1106-1110 NECHES STREET, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (5) TWO LOTS HAVING A TOTAL FRONTAGE OF 130 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MANOR ROAD AND 126 FEET ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF OLDHAM STREET, SAME BEING LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 28, CHRISTIAN AND FELLMAN ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 707-711 MANOR ROAD AND 2106-2108 OLDHAM STREET, FROM "BB" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; (6) FOUR LOTS; TWO OF WHICH HAVE A TOTAL FRONTAGE OF 106 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BELLVUE PLACE AND 132 FEET ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF DUVAL STREET, THE OTHER TWO HAVING A TOTAL FRONTAGE OF 106 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RATHERVUE PLACE AND 132 FEET ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF DUVAL STREET, SAME BEING LOTS 8, 9, 19 AND 20, OUTLOT 1, DIVISION "X", COLLEGE COURT ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 500-502 BELLVUE PLACE, 3001-3007 DUVAL STREET AND 501-503 RATHERVUE PLACE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; (7) TWO LOTS HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 128 FEET ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAN JACINTO BOULEVARD AND 92 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF EAST 15TH STREET, SAME BEING LOTS 1 AND 2, OUTLOT 55, DIVISION E, ORIGINAL CITY OF AUSTIN, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1501-1509 SAN JACINTO BOULEVARD AND 300-306 EAST 15TH STREET, FROM "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C-2" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (8) (A) A PORTION OF ONE LOT FRONTING 62.5 FEET ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF EAST AVENUE AND 90.4 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF DRISKILL STREET, SAME BEING THE EAST 90.4 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 2, OUTLOT 72 AND 73, DIVISION E, DRISKILL AND RAINEY SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 96 EAST AVENUE AND 709-711 DRISKILL STREET; AND (B) THREE LOTS FRONTING TOTALLY 116.5 FEET ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF EAST AVENUE AND 37.8 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AT DRISKILL STREET, SAME BEING THE NORTH 54 FEET OF LOT 3, ALL OF LOT 4, AND THE WEST 37.8 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 2, OUTLOT 72 AND 73, DIVISION E, DRISKILL AND RAINEY SUBDIVISION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 92-94 EAST AVENUE AND 707 (703) DRISKILL STREET, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL 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.

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The City Manager had a report from MR. FRANCIS VICKERS, Manager of the Auditorium, on the Sound System. He stated there was a letter from MRS. MILTON SMITH enclosing a reply from DR. PAUL BONER and some suggestions that certain changes be made. DR. BONER had discussed the matter with the SOUTHWEST SOUND EQUIPMENT COMPANY, and the City Manager read the following letter from Dr. Boner:

"January 3, 1962

"Mr. L. E. Lindsey, President
Southwest Radio and Sound Equipment Co.
San Antonio, Texas

"Re: Austin Municipal Auditorium, Acoustics and Sound System

"Dear Mr. Lindsey:

"You have asked what steps to take to improve the acoustics and the sound system of the Austin Municipal Auditorium with respect to better hearing of stage plays.

"It is well known in acoustics that the most difficult assignment for a large auditorium is that of making theatrical speech on a large stage loud enough throughout the seating area. The problem is essentially that the actors are not close enough to a microphone at all times during the show.

"There are modern techniques for substantially improving the type of situation involved here in theatre applications. Although this room is rather good for music and for speech from a speaker's stand, it could be substantially improved

for stage plays. The recommended steps would be:

"1. Treat the vertical parapet wall in the balcony and the untreated central portion of the rear wall at the projection booth with 2 or more inches of acoustical fiberglass. The material is cheaply fastened to the wall with Tuffbond spikes. As a decorative covering, highly perforated thin metal is indicated. It comes in many forms. The best one for this application would be either highly corrugated perforated metal or flat perforated metal. Another covering would be Johns-Manville's new slotted transite, made for acoustical wall treatment.

"2. Treat the surface of the mobile metal partition used to shut off the rear of the lower floor. Basically, the treatment should be 2" of fiberglass covered with perforated or slotted metal or transite. The next best would be heavy fiberglass drapes, 8.4 ounces per square yard, 68 warp, 30 fill Acrocor filling yarn structure, made into 100% folded drapery hung 5" inches out from the metal partition.

"3. Completely equalize the entire sound system to make it deliver sufficient sound to all parts of the audience, when the actors are at their normal and varying stage positions. In all probability, both footlight microphones and microphones suspended high up near the bottom of the higher scenery would be used. All microphones are customarily of the same type in theatre pickup applications on a large stage. Equalization for theatre pickup always required detailed point-by-point compensation for all important room reasonances, state floor vibration, effects of off-stage rooms, and so on. Such detailed equalization is frequently not required when the person speaking is always reasonably close to his microphone.

"Sincerely yours,
s/ C. P. Boner
C. P. Boner
Consultant in Acoustics"

The City Manager read a letter from MR. L. E. LINDSEY, President, Southwest Sound Equipment Company, as follows:

"January 5, 1962

"Mr. Francis Vickers, Manager
Municipal Auditorium
Austin, Texas

"Dear Mr. Vickers:

"With further reference to our conference Wednesday p.m. with Mrs. Smith and yourself relative to modifying your sound system to provide adequate coverage of the entire seating area of the auditorium for reproduction of stage plays.

"As you know Dr. Boner called us last Tuesday and advised that he had received a letter from Mrs. Smith stating that many of the patrons of the Broadway Theatre group were dropping out due to their inability to hear the plays. Mrs. Smith emphasised the seriousness of the problem by pointing out that sales on Season tickets had dropped from 2100 to 750.

"After our discussion last Wednesday I went out and went over the problem with Dr. Boner and we are attaching letter covering Dr. Boner's recommendations together with cost estimate of modifications to the Sound System. This cost estimate is based on materials and labor that was used in a similar modification of the Wichita Falls Auditorium and represents the maximum cost. Should the materials and labor run less than our estimate, then you will be billed only for the time and materials required, but we guarantee cost will not exceed prices quoted.

"Until frequency resonance checks are run, it is impossible to know just what equalization or compensation will be necessary.

"For reproduction of plays, we propose to use 5 microphones in the foot lights and three microphones suspended from ceiling. The suspended microphones will not be below the bottom of the curtain drop, so will not be visible from the audience.

"As each type of microphone varies in frequency characteristics, it will be necessary that all eight microphones be of the same manufacture and Model No.. As you now have 4 RCA BK-5A Broadcast type microphones, it is recommended that you purchase 4 additional BK-5A's.

"If the recommendations outlined by Dr. Boner are carried out, we then will guarantee satisfactory coverage.

"Mrs. Smith was anxious that this modification be completed prior to their next scheduled Broadway play which I understand is scheduled for January 24th. In order to meet this deadline, we would have to have your approval by not later than January 10th or early the morning of the 11th.

"Yours truly,
SOUTHWEST SOUND EQUIPMENT COMPANY
s/ L. E. Lindsey
L. E. Lindsey, President"

The City Manager stated the estimated amounts for accomplishing the work and installing the microphones were quoted to be \$3,429, which would include Dr. Boner's service. The City Manager stated Mr. Vickers did not have this particular project budgeted, but he would forego the purchase of other equipment to get this accomplished. Mayor Palmer stated the Council certainly did want the very finest audio equipment in the Auditorium. He asked if this portion of the installation were under the Architect's supervision, and if there would be any reason to check with him. Councilman Perry said he did not think this additional material on the back would affect the appearance of the Auditorium. After discussion, Councilman Perry moved that the City Manager be instructed to award this contract to the SOUTHWEST RADIO AND SOUND EQUIPMENT COMPANY. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor asked that this Company have the installation ready for the

coming performance on January 24, as there will be some very outstanding talent coming here.

MR. JOHN FAULK presented a troupe from Peppermint Lounge, New York City, known as the "Peppermint Twisters".

The City Manager said the Recreation Department had contacted the Director of Public Works about securing some silt for storage now that could be used for top soil on the parks and playgrounds later, and MR. ROUNTREE had a report. MR. ROUNTREE recommended taking the silt from along the Walsh Tract, and stated he had in mind, if it could be worked out, to remove the silt upstream from where the ramp is now and Kennelwood. The City Manager stated it would be between the ramp and the slough through Mr. G. Morrison's property. He said he saw no objection; and in the area there were some stumps and large boulders that had to be removed. The Council informally agreed to this location for the removal of silt for the Recreation Department.

The City Manager stated the Director of Public Works had a list of streets which the Council might want to approve for resurfacing this coming summer; and if the Council approved these streets now for the same type of resurfacing as was done down town, notices could be sent to the Gas Company and utilities in order to get their work finished before the resurfacing were started. The Director of Public Works stated the utility departments and companies, if they had the list of streets now, would make every effort to clear the utilities. The streets are as follows:

<u>Blocks</u>	<u>Street:</u>
19 Lamar Blvd.	- from West 5th Street to West 24th Street.
14 Red River	- from East 5th Street to East 19th Street.
2 Trinity	- from East 5th Street to E. 6th St; and E. 7th to E. 8th St.
1 Neches St.	- from East 5th Street to East 6th Street.
9 San Jacinto	- from East 5th St. to East 6th Street; and East 11th Street to East 19th.
7 East 1st St.	- from Congress Avenue to Interregional Highway.
4 West 1st St.	- from Congress Avenue to San Antonio Street.
15 Guadalupe St.	- from West 1st to West 16th Street.
10 Brazos St.	- from East 1st Street to East 11th Street.
8 West 5th St.	- from Lamar Blvd. to Colorado.
1 East 2nd St.	- from Congress Avenue to Brazos St.
10 West 6th St.	- from Lamar Blvd. to Missouri-Pacific Railroad.
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The Director of Public Works discussed the plans for getting the work underway, particularly on West 6th Street from Lamar to the Missouri Pacific Railroad and get that out of the way before work commenced on the Boulevard. Mayor Palmer called attention to the rough crossings on San Jacinto and on Brazos Streets, and asked if the Railroad Company would get those finished out. The Director of Public Works explained that some streets had been cut short due to proposed construction. The Mayor said this was a real fine program, and expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the property owners on

all the other resurfaced properties. Councilman Armstrong stated from the comments the Council had received on the other work, it was very beneficial, and besides it is a savings to the City in the future for street preservation. Councilman White moved that the Council approve the proposed resurfacing of these streets as listed, and that the Director of Public Works be requested to move right on and start notifying the franchise holders asking them to please get as much of their repair work finished as possible. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager read a memorandum from the Director of Libraries, as follows:

"January 8, 1962

"MEMORANDUM

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

From Director of Libraries - Mary C. Rice

SUBJECT: Expansion of quarters for Northwest Library Station

"Background Information

"Library service for the Northwest area was started in 1952 when a book-mobile stop was scheduled at Northwest Shopping Center. By 1956, this service was not sufficient to meet the requirements of the patrons; and, through the influence of Mr. R. W. Pettway, then President of the Friends of the Austin Public Library, a small (290 sq. ft.) office space in the shopping center was made available by the owner, Mr. Gary Morrison, without cost to the Library, for use as a shopping center station, open each day in the week except Sunday.

"The use of this station has increased to the point where more space is urgently needed. There are only two seats in the present room for patrons wishing to use reference materials; shelving space will accommodate less than 2000 volumes; at the busy hours, patrons wishing to use the library have difficulty finding room to enter the station. Circulation of books for the year 1961 was 63,699. (Libraries consider a circulation of 75,000 a year justification for a full-scale branch library.)

"Proposal

"There is now available a space of approximately 850 sq. ft. adjacent to the Northwest Station's present quarters. Rental of this space is \$150 a month. The owner will make this space available for \$100 a month, continuing to donate \$50 a month in space for the Library station. The new space will provide room for 13 seats for patrons and shelving space for 5000 volumes.

"The Library has on hand shelving enough to furnish this space and funds in the budget to purchase tables, chairs, and other needed equipment. No

additional personnel will be required to operate this facility during this fiscal year. The amount allotted for books in the Library's budget will be adequate to supply needed books. The budget includes \$2400 for rentals for the 1961-1962 fiscal year. \$540 of this is pledged for rental at Highland Park Station. The remainder, \$1860, could be drawn upon to pay for the new quarters at Northwest.

"Considerable repairs to the interior of the space will be required: Replacement of some ceiling blocks, new floor tile, complete repainting of walls, ceiling, and woodwork, the installation of additional lighting. Buildings and Grounds estimates the cost of these repairs at approximately \$600.00. The owner is willing to forego the rent for a period of * months in lieu of making these repairs, leaving it to the Library to contract for them.

"Recommendation

"In view of the great need of the Northwest area for more adequate library service and of the fact that all foreseeable expenditures are already provided for in the Library's budget, it is recommended that the larger space be contracted for on the terms outlined above and that it be prepared for use as a library station as expeditiously as possible.

*Amt. not available until Mr. Morrison returns from Florida."

Councilman White moved that the recommendation of renting this additional space and preparing it for a library station be accepted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

MAYOR PALMER announced the death of MR. WILL T. CASWELL, and the Council by rising vote expressed its deepest sympathy to the family and recognized the many civic contributions that Mr. Caswell had made to the City of Austin, including the Caswell Tennis Center; and ordered that a Resolution be drawn and a page be set aside in the Minutes for this Resolution in commemoration of Mr. Caswell, and that the family be sent a copy of the Resolution.

Councilman Armstrong moved that the City Manager be instructed to have the Flag lowered to half mast in memory of MR. WILL T. CASWELL. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager explained the contract for the purchase of asphalt as made last year, with an option to renew for another year. The Director of Public Works had made inquiry as to the present prices, and was convinced that it would be better to exercise the option and renew the contract for another year rather than to make a new contract. After discussion, Councilman White moved

that the Council exercise this option and extend the contract with TEXACO. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

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

The Director of Public Works made a report on a letter from MRS. JAMES MILLER, stating he had hoped to have this proposed work advertised this coming Sunday; but due to change of ownership of property on the corner, it will be the following week before the bids are advertised, and he would write Mrs. Miller a letter. (Drainage problem correction)

The City Manager had a memorandum from FIRE CHIEF DICKERSON regarding the donation of an old fire truck to The Children's Home. Attached was a letter from MR. VICTOR R. ELIASON, Superintendent of the Home, asking for a retired fire engine for use in their playground, and stating it had been suggested by Mr. Prowse of the Recreation Department that this type of improvised children's equipment was more thrilling to children than expensive "store-bought" equipment. The letter thanked the Chief for the Courtesy of the firemen in conducting some of the children through the station recently, and congratulated the Fire Department for the wonderful efforts being made to improve and expand its services to Austin. The City Manager stated the Chief had a 1923 pumper which they began dismantling for parts in June, 1959; and at present, it had an estimated salvage value of \$50.00. It was the Chief's recommendation that any remaining usable parts be removed and the truck be given to the Children's Home. Councilman Perry suggested that it be sold to the Home and it would then be their property. Councilman Perry moved that the Council sell this pumper to the Children's Home for \$1.00. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager submitted a suggested wording for the plaque for the Headquarters Building, Fire Department, City of Austin, listing the following:

CITY COUNCIL

Lester Palmer	Mayor
Edgar Perry	Mayor-Pro-tem
Bob Armstrong	
Louis Shanks	
Ben White	

W. T. Williams, Jr.	City Manager
Robert H. Dickerson	Fire Chief

ARCHITECT

Eugene Wukasch

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

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Mayor Palmer said if the City Manager wanted to enlarge on it to go ahead, and suggested that MR. A. ELDRIDGE'S name be added.

The City Manager stated that last week a letter from the Domino Sugar Company regarding distribution of little sugar packets on which were printed pictures of Texas, was referred to the Chamber of Commerce, and he read a reply from MR. VIC MATHIAS. The Mayor stated the Council would look into this further.

The Assistant City Manager announced that Region 10, Texas Municipal League, had asked to meet in Austin Thursday, February 15th, 7:30 P.M. He listed some of the plans and proposed program. Councilman Armstrong moved that the City Manager be asked to extend this invitation to Region 10, Texas Municipal League. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager made a report on a practice that had grown up in the Fire Department over the years in the men trading out their duty time, and suggested that some sort of rules be established whereby one wanting time off should ask for it in advance and get approval. He had a list of the number of trades made, and each trade involved two men. He stated he could explore this further and make a recommendation. The Mayor suggested that this should be done, and the Council could set out some rules so there would not be misunderstandings. Councilman White stated the Fire Chief should approve all trades. It was pointed out there had been some real disputes in these trades, resulting in fights and actual dismissals; and many times the Supervisors did not know who was going to be on duty until someone showed up; and sometimes no one came on duty. The City Attorney stated the Council could declare it to be against the policy of the City of Austin for employees to trade out time.

The City Manager stated MR. ED BLUESTEIN had sent him a letter and copies of letters from others indicating they thought the Highway Department should build a fence around the Highway. Mr. Bluestein said he did not believe this would be possible; but if the Council would pass an ordinance prohibiting pedestrians from crossing the highways except at designated points, the Highway Department would place the signs along the roadway. The Chief of Police stated this would stop about one-third of pedestrians who are crossing the Highway now. The City Manager stated he believed this action would materially reduce the pedestrian crossing on grade. One particular instance is the crossing of students from Concordia to the commercial center. The Mayor asked that an ordinance be prepared for the Council's review.

The Assistant City Manager made a report on the request of the Delwood Optimist Club to buy an acre of land of the Berkman tract adjacent to the existing park on the east side. He stated he had discussed the matter with MR. WOODROW PATTERSON, President of the Club, and MR. JIM SHIVE. They wanted

to build a club house for the meeting place of the Delwood Optimist Club where they could have meetings and dinners, and secondarily have it for the use of the boys. The Assistant City Manager stated the Building Inspector and Director of Planning did not believe this would be the proper thing to do with this neighborhood adjacent to the park side. The impression left from the letter was this would be primarily a boys' club in connection with the Optimists' activities. The Mayor suggested if there were no urgency as far as the recreation program was concerned, care should be taken on disposing of this acreage until the overall plan and the sale of the remaining portion of the property is made.

The Assistant City Manager referred to the "Fall-Out Pamphlets" enclosed with the Agenda sent to the Council, as the one single document that is now the official document that is from the Department of the Civil Defense. The Mayor stated this was something the Council should determine and maybe survey the City's whole program.

Mayor Pro-tem Perry read a letter from the Austin Ballet Society expressing their thanks to the Council for the privilege of placing the plaque in the Auditorium and for the recognition given to the Society.

Mayor Palmer read a communication from MRS. H. C. BURNETTE, Odessa, Texas stating she was appalled at the sight that greeted her as she rode out of the lovely new Airport, pointing out a trashy scene the visitors see--the first two houses on Redwood as one crosses Manor Road. She said the yards seemed to be filled with all sorts of boxes and looks like a dump yard. The Mayor stated this was on private property.

The Mayor had a letter from CAPTAIN FRED A. McCLURE, listing the emergency disaster services provided by the Salvation Army, copy of which letter was mailed to COLONEL W. A. KENGIA, Austin & Travis County Civil Defense Director.

Mayor Palmer had a request that he again bring up the matter of a stop sign at Ruth & Grover this week. The Mayor stated that on May 31, 1961, a study was made which showed all intersections were clear of obstruction; very small traffic volume; people drive faster than necessary (average about 35 miles per hour); and the Traffic and Transportation Department did not recommend a stop or yield sign at this intersection. Councilman White stated if Mr. Klapproth thought a stop sign should be there, he would not hesitate to put it there.

The City Attorney stated MR. HARMON HODGES, Austin Housing Authority, had brought in a resolution which the Fort Worth office of Housing, Home and Finance Agency had asked that the Council adopt approving the application of the Agency to the Public Housing Administration for a preliminary loan to cover the cost of survey and planning in connection with the 200 units of the low rent housing for the elderly. He discussed this in detail. After discussion, Councilman Perry offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY
LOAN FOR LOW-RENT PUBLIC HOUSING

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this locality to eliminate substandard and other inadequate housing, to prevent the spread of slums and blight, and to realize as soon as feasible the goal of a decent home in a suitable living environment for all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, the Public Housing Administration is authorized to provide financial assistance to local public housing agencies for undertaking and carrying out preliminary planning of low-rent housing projects that will assist in meeting this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that there shall be local determination of need for low-rent housing to meet needs not being adequately met by private enterprise and that the Public Housing Administration shall not make any contract with a public housing agency for preliminary loans for surveys and planning in respect to any low-rent housing projects unless the governing body of the locality involved has by resolution approved the application of the public housing agency for such preliminary loan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (herein called the "Local Authority") is a public housing agency and is applying to the Public Housing Administration for a preliminary loan to cover the costs of surveys and planning in connection with the development of low-rent housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas as follows:

1. There exists in the City of Austin, Texas a need for such low-rent housing at rents within the means of low-income families;

2. The application of the Local Authority to the Public Housing Administration for a preliminary loan in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for surveys and planning in connection with low-rent housing projects of not to exceed approximately 200 dwelling units for the elderly is hereby approved.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Shanks

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 Armstrong, Perry, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Shanks

The Council adjourned at 12:30 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

L. to E. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elsie Woosley
City Clerk

DIED JANUARY, 1962

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