

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

March 28, 1962
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by REV. B. L. BROWN, South Austin Christian Church.

Councilman Shanks moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of March 22, 1962, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Present but not voting: Councilman Armstrong (as he was absent during a portion of the meeting)

Announcement was made that the zoning applications scheduled for hearing on March 29th had been reset for April 5, 1962.

Councilman Shanks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:
(RESOLUTION)

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

That W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager be and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Austin a quitclaim deed conveying two tracts of land, said two tracts having been conveyed to the City of Austin by Deed of Gift dated December 21, 1961 and filed for record in Volume 2402, Page 44, of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, said quitclaim deed to be made to Walter George Wendlandt and Charles William Wendlandt for a consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, all in accordance with the provisions of that certain deed, copy of which is attached hereto

and made a part of this Resolution for all purposes (marked for purposes of identification as Exhibit "A").

(Exhibit "A")

THE STATE OF TEXAS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

That the City of Austin, a municipal corporation of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through W. T. Williams, Jr., its City Manager, hereunto duly authorized by Resolution of the City Council of said City adopted and approved on the _____ day of _____, 1962, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, each in hand paid by Walter George Wendlandt and Charles William Wendlandt the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have quitclaimed, and by these presents does quitclaim unto the said Walter George Wendlandt and Charles William Wendlandt all our right, title and interest, claim and demand in and to, two certain tracts of land out of and part of the George W. Spear League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

TRACT ONE

Beginning for reference point at an iron pipe at the intersection of the North line of West 11th Street with the West line of Winsted Lane;

THENCE, with the North line of West 11th Street, North 60° West, 128.46 feet to a fence and place of beginning of this tract;

THENCE, along said fence as follows:

North 27° 30' East, 127.8 feet to a corner post,

North 66° 13' West, a distance of 64 feet to a corner post,

North 24° 25' East, a distance of 89.4 feet to the South line of West 12th Street for corner;

THENCE with the South line of West 12th Street, North 60° West, a distance of 1.3 feet to an iron pipe at the Northeast corner of a 2/9ths acre tract for corner;

THENCE, with the East line of said 2/9ths acre tract, South 30° West, a distance of 209.72 feet to an iron pipe at the Southeast corner of said 2/9ths acres tract for corner;

THENCE, with the North line of West 11th Street, South 60° East a distance of 79.2 feet to the place of beginning.

TRACT TWO

Beginning at an iron pipe at the intersection of the North line of West 11th Street with the West line of Winsted Lane according to the plat of Marlton Place Section 2, and from which iron pipe a concrete monument at the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Marlton Place Section 2, bears South 29° 30' West a distance of 50 feet;

THENCE, with the West line of Winsted Lane, North 29° 30' East 103 feet to an iron pin for corner, from which an iron pipe bears South 61° 53' East, a distance of 2.2 feet;

THENCE, North 61° 53' West, a distance 102.4 feet to an iron pipe for corner;

THENCE, North 30° East, a distance of 52.13 feet to an iron pipe for corner;

THENCE, South 61° 47' East, a distance of 104.37 feet to an iron pipe set in the West line of Winsted Lane;

THENCE, North 29° 38' East, a distance of 52.2 feet to an iron pipe for corner set at the Southwest intersection of Winsted Lane and West 12th Street;

THENCE, North 61° 56' West, a distance of 103.97 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE, continuing along the south line of West 12th Street, North 60° West a distance of 103.07 feet to a fence for corner;

THENCE, along said fence as follows:

South 24° 25' West, a distance of 89.4 feet to corner post;

South 66° 13' East, a distance of 64 feet to corner post;

South 27° 30' West, a distance of 127.8 feet to the North line of West 11th Street for corner;

THENCE, with the North line of West 11th Street, South 60° East, a distance of 128.46 feet to the place of beginning.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE said premises together with all and singular our right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand in and to the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise pertaining; to have and to hold the above released rights, titles, interests, claims and demands, to the said Walter George Wendlandt and Charles William Wendlandt, their heirs and assigns forever, so that neither the said City of Austin, nor any person or persons, legal representatives or assigns shall have any right or title to or interest in such property, premises or appurtenances or any part thereof, at any time hereafter.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said City of Austin has caused this instrument to be executed by its City Manager, and its Corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested, and a certified copy of said Resolution is attached as a part hereof, on this _____ day of _____, 1962.

THE CITY OF AUSTIN

By _____

City Manager

ATTEST:

City Clerk

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared W. T. Williams, Jr., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as City Manager of the City of Austin, a municipal corporation of the State of Texas, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed in the capacity therein stated, and as the act and deed of said City of Austin.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of office this _____ day of _____, 1962.

Notary Public in and for Travis
County, Texas

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

Councilman Armstrong offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Southern Union Gas Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore,

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

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

- (1) A gas main in HATHAWAY DRIVE from Ohlen Road to Doris Drive, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said HATHAWAY DRIVE.

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

- (2) A gas main in REEDA LANE from Ohlen Road to Doris Drive, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said REEDA LANE.

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

- (3) A gas main in WHELESS LANE from Hickman Avenue westerly 169.0 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 5.00 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said WHELESS LANE.

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

- (4) A gas main in MONTOPOLIS DRIVE from El Mirando Drive southerly 957 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said MONTOPOLIS DRIVE.

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

- (5) A gas main in VERA LANE from Montopolis Drive westerly 132.0 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said VERA LANE.

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

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

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

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

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

DR. WM. S. ARMS, JR. submitted a written recommendation asking that City property not be permitted to be used by persons, groups, or organizations until the purpose of the meeting shall be registered, and a list of the groups asking the applicant to apply for such permission be furnished, and he set out certain conditions. The petition was referred to the Legal Department.

MR. FRED WEHMEYER, representing the North Austin Optimist Club, stated the Club owned a piece of property adjacent to the north city limit line, and the Club was developing this into a ball field, and their need was water. He pointed out on a map the existing water line, within 200' of their property; and stated annexation would work a hardship on the North Austin Optimist Club. He asked the Council to allow the Water Department to serve them with water. He stated he was employed by KARL WAGNER and was working in the area, and would send his machine to dig the water ditch; and the cost to the city of a 2" line would be a maximum of \$1.50 a foot. The Mayor stated the Council would check into this, and let him know.

The Council set 10:30 April 19th as a date for hearing property owners on Medical Arts Square regarding the vacation of the street.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"March 27, 1962

"TO: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager
FROM: A. M. Eldridge, Supervising Engineer
Construction Engineering Division

"RE: Brackenridge Hospital
Tabulation of Bids for Addition to Pharmacy and Offices

"We are transmitting herewith copies of Tabulation of Bids for Addition to Pharmacy and Offices at Brackenridge Hospital.

"The preliminary estimate on this project was \$29,000.00.

"The low bidder, Jackson and Cullen, has not previously performed a contract for us, but upon investigation, we believe that they are well qualified to do this work.

"We are joined by Mr. Crandall, Hospital Administrator, and by Mr. Crow, Architect, in recommending the award of the Contract to the low bidder, Jackson and Cullen for \$31,462.00. The Contract calls for completion by July 31, 1962.

"The base bid price includes an allowance sufficient to cover the cost of pier drilling.

"s/ A. M. Eldridge, Supervising Engineer
Construction Engineering Division"

"BID TABULATIONS, MARCH 27, 1962, 2:00 p.m., COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL
ADDITION TO PHARMACY AND OFFICES, BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL
CITY OF AUSTIN, OWNER JAMES W. CROW, ARCHITECT

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>PIER DRILLING</u>
W. D. ANDERSON	\$ 32,637.00	\$ 3.90/lin. ft.
A. W. BRYANT	\$ 38,124.00	\$ 5.00/lin. ft.
FRANK RUNDELL COMPANY	\$ 32,554.00	\$ 5.00/lin. ft.
FLOYD GIBSON	\$ 33,383.00	\$ 4.00/lin. ft.
<u>*JACKSON & CULLEN</u>	\$ 31,462.00	\$ 3.00/lin. ft.

*Low Bidder"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on March 27, 1962, for Addition to Pharmacy and Offices at Brackenridge Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Jackson and Cullen in the sum of \$31,462.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Hospital Administrator and the Supervising Engineer, Construction Engineering Division; Now, Therefore,

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

That the bid of Jackson and Cullen in the sum of \$31,462.00 be and the same is hereby accepted and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Jackson and Cullen.

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

The City Manager reported that sometime ago the Council authorized a contract to WALTER SCHMIDT for relocation of water line in preparation for paving Group No. 20; and at that time it was thought there were some services which could be left in place. After work began, it was found nearly all of the services were going to have to be changed, and there is about \$5,722.20 additional work to be done. Councilman Shanks moved that the City Manager be authorized to issue a change order for this additional work. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager stated the Building Inspector had an application for a building permit for a residence located within 500' of the river. The residence is located at East Avenue and Cummings Street. He displayed on a map probable locations for a river road connecting into Holly Street, and one which would be a scenic drive, but this area would not be involved. Councilman Shanks moved that this application for a building permit within 500' of the river by A. L. HAFELDER at Cummings and East Avenue be submitted to the River Beautification Committee. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The City Manager reported on a study made by DR. PAUL BONER, the Architects and the Construction Engineer on the acoustics in the Auditorium. The area under consideration was the back foyer on the north side of the Auditorium, and the City Manager showed the plans and explained Dr. Boner's recommendation. Councilman Shanks stated anything that was done to this Auditorium should be considered by the Architects. Mr. Eldridge stated the Architect had been in on all meetings and had felt these changes would be completely satisfactory from an appearance standpoint. The City Manager said this design was a preliminary drawing; and before any work was done, there would be a more detailed drawing. He submitted the following:

"March 27, 1962

"To: Mr. Vickers, Manager
Municipal Auditorium

Subject: Municipal Auditorium
Acoustical Treatment in Exhibition
Area and at Rear of Stage

"We are transmitting herewith four (4) marked-up prints of the Auditorium construction showing acoustical treatment in the Exhibition Area and at the rear wall of the stage as recently recommended by Dr. Boner and as approved by Mr. Wolf Jessen.

"Our estimate for the work is as follows:

1. Wall treatment in Exhibition Area using tile glued onto walls	\$ 1,250.00
2. New suspended ceiling in Exhibition Area	9,800.00
3. Sound system including speakers, boxes, and controls	15,000.00
4. Tri-angular panels over glazed brick	4,000.00
5. Perforated plywood panels over existing glass and metal partitions	1,500.00
6. Insulation on rear wall of stage	3,000.00
7. Contingencies	1,500.00
	<u>\$36,050.00</u>

"The treatment of the rear wall of the stage has been suggested by Dr. Boner for increasing the effectiveness of the previous treatments in the main auditorium and are especially needed in connection with music originating on stage.

"In the Exhibition Area Dr. Boner suggests that the work be done in the order listed above.

"At such time as it is desired to proceed with any of this work, we will be glad to help with it.

"From: A. M. Eldridge, Supervising
Engineer, Construction Engineering
Division"

The Council discussed the timing of the work and the advantages of the additional use of this portion of the Auditorium. Councilman White wanted to postpone action until he could look at this. Mayor Palmer stated the Council should authorize Items 1, 2, and 3 at this time. After further discussion, Councilman Perry moved that the Council accept this report and offer its thanks to DR. PAUL BONER, MR. WOLF JESSEN and all who spent their time on this preliminary report. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

MR. LAWRENCE LEDBETTER made a suggestion regarding trash collection that the collectors not tear up the trash cans while emptying them, and that they should rake up papers and litter around the cans. He suggested a training school for these men. The Mayor stated most of the time these men do a real, real fine job of picking up and collecting the garbage and they have to cover a lot of area. MR. BOW WILLIAMS stated they did an excellent job in his neighborhood.

MR. BOW WILLIAMS made inquiry about the dog ordinance, and the City Manager explained.

MR. JOE CROW commended the employees in the Tax Department, the Building Inspector, and Director of Public Works.

The City Manager reviewed discussion held last fall on the purchase of intravenous fluids and solutions for the Hospital, stating there were some members of the Medical Staff who were finding fault with the new equipment, but did not find any fault at all with the intravenous fluids. Those that complained were concerned about the apparatus in that it was not satisfactory. There were those among them who complained that the tubing is too soft and flexible and too easy to crimp. The City Manager stated this was again a matter of opinion and a matter of debate among the various medical people. He said a Committee of the Medical Staff considered the matter and made a report to the Executive Committee, headed by DR. R. O. SWEARINGTON. The City Manager read this report in full, as follows:

"Brackenridge Hospital
January 16, 1962

"Memo To: Medical Executive Committee

From: R. O. Swearingen, M.D., Chairman - IV Solution Committee

"In August, 1961 the intravenous fluid contract at Brackenridge Hospital was awarded to Amsco Corporation on the basis of competitive bidding. Immediately after awarding the contract Amsco fluids were purchased at Brackenridge Hospital and immediate usage began. Within a few weeks after this product had been in use at Brackenridge Hospital numerous complaints began arriving at the Administrator's office and at the Medical Executive Committee. The complaints concerning this product became so numerous that the Chief of Staff in November 1961, appointed a Committee to investigate various complaints concerning this product. This Committee consisted of members of both the Medical Staff and Administrative staff of the hospital. A rather extensive and objective survey was made by this Committee. A meeting was held December 6, 1961. It was the unanimous opinion of the Committee, at this time, that the plastic equipment used in administering the Amsco fluid products is definitely of an inferior quality. The following complaints were considered to be valid after thorough investigation:

- "1. The micro drip used in Pediatric surgery was found to be inferior in that the rate of flow or drip from the apparatus could not be adequately controlled.
- "2. The Pediatric blood set was found to be inadequate in measuring small volumes of blood required in Pediatric administration of blood.
- "3. The bails which hold the fluid bottles to a fixed stand were found to be faulty and often the entire apparatus was found to fall from the stand to the floor.
- "4. The plastic blood bags were found to be inadequate in that they sometimes burst or broke under critical conditions.
- "5. The rubber tubes connecting plastic to plastic were found to leak after one or more punctures by needles during the administration of various medication.
- "6. Probably the most important, the plastic tubing was found to be definitely inferior in that it kinked easily and the walls of the tubes were found to stick together too easily making the continuous flow of fluid through the tubing at a given rate impossible.
- "7. It was found that the connecting fittings came apart too easily.
- "8. The shut off clamps on the tubing were found to be inferior, often breaking and often not closing the flow of fluid adequately.
- "9. The blood filters in the blood filter sets were found to be completely inadequate. Microscopic studies of these filters was done and compared to competitive brands and found to be definitely inferior.
- "10. Various complaints of unexplained air in the plastic tubing during administration was found to be a valid complaint.

"The committee did not find any reason to condemn the product or fluids within the bottle as being inferior quality. All of the complaints that were found to be valid arose from the administration sets and the administration mechanism of the product. At the December 6th meeting it was the opinion of the Committee that appropriate action should be taken to replace the Amsco product with a product acceptable to the Medical Staff and to the hospital Administration. It was also decided that the Committee should hold a hearing with representatives of the Amasco Corporation in an attempt to determine whether or not the Amasco Corporation could do anything to rectify the complaints listed above. On Dec. 27th the Committee had another meeting at which time three representatives of the Amsco Corporation were present. The entire list of complaints were presented to the representatives. Discussions were held with the representatives and the complaints studied in detail. Since the valid complaints involved only the administration mechanisms of the fluid sets, the Amsco representatives were asked whether or not they could correct these faults by supplying a new or different type of administration set. The Committee were told by representatives of the Corporation that they could not alter or correct the administration set. As a result it was the unanimous decision of the Committee that they recommend to the hospital administration and City Manager the purchasing of an acceptable intravenous fluid system. The Committee believes that the intravenous contract should still be maintained on a competitive bid basis. However, it is the feeling of the Committee that the bidding should be limited to Abbott, Baxter and Cutter Corporations.

"s/ R. O. Swearingen
R. O. Swearingen, M.D.
Chairman
IV Solution Committee"

The City Manager stated a number of the things were minor and could be remedied by proper handling of the equipment. The Committee had asked the representatives of the Company to meet with them and see if they could substitute a different kind of tubing. The Company subcontracts the manufacture of this tubing, and the representatives of AMSCO stated if the City recognized their product was as good as others, they would be perfectly willing to cancel the contract if the city so desired on the ground that some of the administrative equipment was not what it wanted; but not on their product. Councilman White stated the whole thing was gone over for two hours, and he had objected to this and was against it. Councilman Armstrong stated a substantial sum had been saved on the award of this contract; and that other large hospitals were using this product. Councilman Shanks said the Doctors did not give any arguments against the product but only said they did not want to make a change. Councilman Perry noted the nurses said the new equipment was just as good. Councilman White stated there were 10 or 12 letters from doctors saying they did not want to make a change. Councilman Armstrong said everyone of those letters qualified their statements saying it was just as good; and he said if this equipment was just as good by the doctors' statement, and if the City saved money, there was a need to check further in it. He suggested when investigation was made that a contact be made with the other hospitals to see if they had other cancellations during the year due to these same reasons; and if anyone cancelled out in the middle of a contract.

The City Manager read a letter from GOVERNOR PRICE DANIEL, as follows:

"March 23, 1962

"The Honorable Lester Palmer
Mayor of the
City of Austin
Texas

"Attention The Honorable Lester Palmer and Members of the Austin City Council

"Dear Mayor Palmer:

"The State Building Commission on behalf of the State of Texas is constructing a new State Office Building located on Block 173, Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas. Said property is bounded by West 14th Street, Colorado Street, West 15th Street and Congress Avenue. Complete plans for the building are on file with the City of Austin.

"In order to accomodate the building with heating and air conditioning from the central plant located in State Office Building No. 1, it is necessary to construct a concrete utility tunnel under West 14th Street about midway between Congress and Colorado. Plans of this tunnel, showing location, general construction and grades, are enclosed for your information and review.

"The Contractor, Farnsworth and Chambers, Inc. requests that the City authorize the closing of West 14th Street between Congress Avenue and Colorado Street for a period of approximately two weeks. All City ordinances and rules governing such a closure will be observed.

"The State Building Commission respectfully requests the City Council to approve the closing of the above outlined street and the construction of the utility tunnel and will furnish any additional information necessary or required.

"Sincerely,
s/ Price Daniel"

Councilman Shanks moved that the Council grant the State Building Commission permission to close West 14th Street from Congress Avenue to Colorado Street for a period of approximately two weeks to permit the construction of the tunnel for heating and air conditioning lines. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Shanks offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That the application of the State Building Commission of the State of Texas to construct and maintain the hereinafter described underground improvements solely for heating and air conditioning equipment:

A reinforced concrete tunnel under the following described street area, to wit:

A strip of land seven and one-half (7.5) feet in width, same being a portion of West 14th Street, said West 14th Street being a street in the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of the said Original City of Austin on file in the General Land Office of the State of Texas; the centerline of said strip of land seven and one-half (7.5) feet in width being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the south line of said West 14th Street, same being the north line of Block 159, Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and from which point of beginning the northeast corner of said Block 159 bears S 71° 00' E 155.0 feet, more or less;

THENCE, N 19° 00' E 70.0 feet, more or less, to a point;

THENCE, N 3° 30' W 11.0 feet, more or less, to point of termination in the north line of said West 14th Street, same being the south line of Block 173, Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.

be and the same is hereby granted and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue a permit for the construction of said improvements, said grant and permit to be subject to the following conditions:

(1) The improvements shall be constructed and maintained in compliance with all ordinances relating thereto.

(2) The permit shall be issued and accepted subject to all reasonable police, traffic, fire and health regulations of the City of Austin, now existing or hereafter adopted.

(3) The repair or relocating of any and all utilities in the vicinity due to these improvements shall be done at the expense of the State Building Commission of the State of Texas.

(4) The State Building Commission of the State of Texas will indemnify and save the City of Austin harmless from any and all claims against said City growing out of or connected with the construction or maintenance of said improvements.

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

Councilman Armstrong reported the alley behind the Stephen F. Austin Hotel seems to be off grade or needs draining; as when the garbage is placed out there and the alley is washed down, the water does not run off. The Director of Public Works stated he would check on that.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter of thanks from the State Dieticians Association stating their Convention was a success due to the wonderful cooperation of Mr. Bob Armstrong.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from the League of Women's Voters regarding the dismissal of the suit on Urban Renewal and offering their assistance to the City in anyway.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from the CORPS OF ENGINEERS regarding a public hearing, Tuesday, April 24th at Columbus, Texas, concerning improvements on the Colorado River and its tributaries from Austin to the Gulf of Mexico. The City Manager stated these tributaries included creeks, and Waller, Shoal Creek and Boggy Creek could be considered in the projects.

The Mayor read a letter from The Director of Urban Renewal to the Commissioner of F.H.A. regarding Urban Renewal, stating as a result of the dismissal of the case contesting the Urban Renewal Election, the City was on the threshold of embarking upon a Urban Renewal program.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from MR. JOE McMORDIE, Secretary of the Mutual Insurance Exchange of Austin, asking that members of this Association participate in the commissions being paid on city business, and asking for a meeting with the Council. The Mayor stated he would contact Mr. McMordie and see what the problem was.

The Mayor stated the Council and City Manager were invited to a Kick-off breakfast, by the Austin Base Ball Club, on April 2, 7:00 A.M. at the Driskill Hotel Ballroom; also an invitation to the members of the Council to participate in the Texas League, April 15th, when the Austin Senators play the San Antonio Missions.

The City Manager reminded the Council of the Dedication Ceremonies of the Interregional Highway tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

The City Attorney reported that \$9,000 had been collected on one of the tax bills that had been pending for a long time. It was an estate that had been in bankruptcy. After appealing, the City not only received full payment of all of the taxes but it has assurance that henceforth, the city's claims for taxes will be given priority in treatment by Trustees in Bankruptcy. He stated he attributed this to the good work of Mr. TOM de STEIGUER, in the Tax Department.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

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

The Council adjourned at 12:15 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

L. E. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elvin Hooley
City Clerk