

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 8, 1960
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Pro-tem Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Absent: Mayor Miller

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

Invocation was delivered by REV. WOOD H. PATRICK, St. Johns Methodist Church.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the meeting of November 22, 1960, with correction noted; and the Minutes of the meeting of November 29, 1960, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

MRS. J. W. WILSON, Girl Scout Leader, introduced members of Group 2 from St. Louis School, stating this Group was working on their Government badges and wanted to visit the City Council. The Council greeted and welcomed the Girl Scouts.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10 OF ORDINANCE NO. 600721-C SO AS TO RESET THE TIME FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING THEREIN PRESCRIBED CONCERNING PAVING OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SCENIC DRIVE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (10:30 o'clock A.M. on the 18th day of May, 1961)

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 Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the ordinance be finally passed.

Mayor Pro-tem 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: FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ON LOTS 13, 14, 15, 18 AND 19, J.K.P.McFALLS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: Councilman Perry
Absent: Mayor Miller

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA AND CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS: (1) LOTS 1C AND 2C OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 28 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 2, OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF A PART OF LOTS 3 AND 4, RIDGETOP GARDENS AND RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 3 AND 4 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF A PART OF LOTS 3 AND 4, RIDGETOP GARDENS, AND LOT 1A OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF

LOT 1 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF A PART OF LOTS 3 AND 4, RIDGETOP GARDENS, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "BB" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; (2) THE WEST 69 FEET OF THE NORTH 134 FEET OF OUTLOT 19, DIVISION "E", CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 709 WEST 19TH STREET AND 1809-1811 (1805) WEST AVENUE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE DISTRICT; (3) A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 171.8 ACRES HAVING A FRONTAGE OF 1832 FEET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 5900-6221 AND 6417-6525 AIRPORT BOULEVARD; 6000-6918 MIDDLE FISKVILLE ROAD; 6920-7126 INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY AND 405-711 EAST ST. JOHNS AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (4) A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING 1388.3 FEET ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2404-2706 SOUTH INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; (5) TWO TRACTS OF LAND FRONTING 138 FEET ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST 6TH STREET AND 150 FEET ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LAMAR BOULEVARD, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1000-1010 WEST 6TH STREET, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (6) LOT 4, BLOCK K, DRIVING PARK ADDITION, FROM "LR" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (7) A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING 68.92 FEET ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTH 1ST STREET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2424 SOUTH 1ST STREET, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (8) LOTS 14-16, BLOCK M, JAMES E. BOULDIN ESTATE, FROM "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; (9) LOT 1, BLOCK 8, SWISHER ADDITION, FROM "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C-2" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (10) THE NORTH 70 FEET OF THE EAST 150 FEET OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, LOVELESS ADDITION, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; (11) AN INTERIOR TRACT OF LAND HAVING DIMENSIONS OF 25 FEET BY 65 FEET AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1625 SQUARE FEET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1148 AIRPORT BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM "GR" GENERAL RETAIL AND "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS AND SIXTH HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL AND "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS AND SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; (12) THE SOUTH 40 FEET OF LOT 6, BLOCK 6, NOWLIN HEIGHTS, FROM "A" RESIDENCE AND "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (13) FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: A. TWO IRREGULAR SHAPED TRACTS OF LAND HAVING AN ACCUMULATED FRONTAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 376.81 FEET DIRECTLY ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE, LOCALLY

KNOWN AS 1406-1408; 1500-1502 AND 1506-1514 RIVERSIDE DRIVE; B. ONE TRACT OF LAND FRONTING 71 FEET ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1410 RIVERSIDE DRIVE; C. ONE TRACT OF LAND FRONTING 48 FEET ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1504 RIVERSIDE DRIVE; D. ONE INTERIOR TRACT OF LAND, HAVING AN AVERAGE AREA OF 18,830 SQUARE FEET, ABUTTING THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE COLORADO RIVER, LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE REAR OF 1502-1504 RIVERSIDE DRIVE; AND (14) AN INTERIOR TRACT OF LAND HAVING DIMENSIONS OF 265 FEET X 424 FEET, WITH AN AREA OF 112,360 SQUARE FEET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 3600 MANOR ROAD, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C-1" 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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Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

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 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH PAT STANFORD AND ASSOCIATES; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Water and sanitary sewer mains in University Hills, Section 3, Phase 1)

Stanford

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Absent: Mayor Miller

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Absent: Mayor Miller

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The Council discussed bids for the Mobile Book Trailer for the Library. Members of the Library Staff stated this Trailer would act as a library station, and would be open six or seven hours a day in an area, whereas the Bookmobiles are at a location just one or two hours. Councilman Bechtol asked that no action be taken at this time, as he wanted to study the matter for another week. The Mayor Pro-tem stated the Council would look into this and give an answer next week.

MR. WALTER E. LONG submitted the following letter to the Council:

"December 8, 1960

"Mr. Lester Palmer, Mayor pro-tem
and Members of the Austin City Council
Austin, Texas

"Gentlemen:

"A quarter of a century ago an old cattle drover -- Mr. P. P. Ackley, of Elk City, Oklahoma -- conceived the idea of marking the "Longhorn-Chisholm Trail" from Brownsville, Texas up through Austin toward Abilene to Red River and "Indian Territory" to Abilene, Kansas. At his own expense he had two markers made for each county over this route. The cost of these markers was approximately \$15.00 each. Two of them were placed in Travis County, one on the south end of the Congress Colorado River bridge and the other on Congress Avenue where it intersects 11th street at the foot of the Capitol walk.

"Since a million or more head of these Longhorn cattle crossed the Colorado River where you have just completed a low water dam with its attractive overhead causeway, it would seem to me that it would not be inappropriate to take down this marker at 11th and Congress at the present time (to be sure it is preserved) and if and when the new dam and causeway is dedicated it might be unveiled at some point on this causeway.

"This suggestion is made purely because I feel many Austin citizens desire that this historic location not be forgotten.

"This suggestion is passed on to you for whatever it is worth and with no criticism of whatever action you might desire to take.

"Respectfully,
s/ Walter E. Long"

MR. LONG suggested that the plaque at the head of the Avenue be removed and placed on some point of the new dam and causeway. Since the location of this crossing is of great historic interest and was the location where more than a million head of longhorn cattle crossed in their journey from Brownsville to Abilene, Mr. Long suggested that this plaque, marking the "Longhorn-Chisolm Trail" be placed on the bridge. He stated that the marker placed on the Congress

Avenue Bridge was taken down when the bridge was widened, and has been misplaced. Councilman Bechtol suggested that the mould be located and a duplicate plaque be made. Mr. Long stated he would check to see if the mould was still in existence. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer thanked Mr. Long for his suggestion.

MR. GEORGE SHEPHERD appeared before the Council regarding the zoning of his property in Area 6, Tract No. 1 (South of Northland Drive, west of Bull Creek Road, adjoining Highland Park West) to "IR" Local Retail. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer reviewed the application, stating the letter of credit had expired as far as the paving was concerned, and there were some drainage easements to be provided; a 30 foot buffer strip in back of the property was to be provided, and a certain lot was to be kept residential. The Mayor Pro-tem asked Mr. Shepherd to check with the Planning Director, and the Director of Public Works; and stated that when the requirements had been met, the Council would set the zoning application for public hearing.

Councilman Bechtol offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, subject to Councilman White's inspection of this boat dock:

(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 erection of a boat dock on the property owned by S. W. Henry as described in the Travis County Deed Records and known as a tract of land being on the south side of Lake Austin opposite Mt. Bonnell and approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles upstream from the westerly extension of the south line of Windsor Road, and hereby authorizes the said S. W. Henry to construct, maintain and operate this boat dock subject to same being constructed in compliance with all the ordinances relating thereto and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the erection of this boat dock after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution. 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, fire and health regulations and the right of revocation is retained if, after hearing, it is found by the City Council that the said S. W. Henry has failed and refused, and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"Austin, Texas
December 8, 1960

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

"Dear Sir:

"I, the undersigned, have reviewed the plans and have considered the application

of S. W. Henry, owner of property abutting on that part of Lake Austin lying approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles upstream from the westerly extension of the south line of Windsor Road as recorded in the Travis County Deed Records, for permission to construct and maintain a boat dock projecting out into the lake approximately 35 feet beyond the normal high water level. The construction details meeting all the requirements, I recommend that if S. W. Henry is granted his request by the City Council, that it be subject to the following conditions:

"(1) That nothing but creosoted piles, cedar piles or concrete piles, substantially braced and bolted to withstand wind and water pressure, be used in the construction and that no structure shall extend more than one-third the distance from shore to shore at the point where structure is located, or be nearer than ten feet to any side property line of the owner or applicant.

"(2) That no business, such as a restaurant, dance hall, concession stand, or any other enterprise for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, except marine supplies and tackle, and no living quarters of any character, shall be erected on any pier, dock, wharf, float, island, piling or other structure extending into or above Lake Austin.

"(3) That every structure shall be equipped with proper lights which show all around the horizon for night use and shall be equipped with flags or other warnings for daylight use.

"(4) That all structures extending out into the Lake be constantly kept in a state of good repair and that the premises be kept reasonably clean at all times.

"Respectfully submitted,
s/ Dick T. Jordan
Building Official"

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Miller

Councilman Bechtol moved that the Council approve the vacating of a drainage and utility easement across a portion of Oak Springs Subdivision, conditioned on new easements being granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Miller

The Council had before it the following zoning application:

PAUL MURCHISON

3902-3904 Seiders
Avenue

From "A" Residence
To "B" Residence
NOT Recommended by the
Planning Commission

MR. PAUL MURCHISON appeared before the Council regarding his zoning application and submitted an affidavit that there would never be more than six apartment units built on this lot. After discussing the pending application,

Councilman Bechtol moved that the City Attorney be instructed to bring in the ordinance, subject to the proper form being signed by Mr. Murchison. Later in the meeting, Mayor Pro-tem 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: FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT ON LOT 1, PLEASANT GROVE ADDITION, LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Bechtol moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Bechtol moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Bechtol moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

MR. S. WINETROUB made inquiry about an assessment made for paving his property on Pearl Street, stating he did not realize the payment would be approximately \$40.00 more if not paid within the stated period. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated that Mr. Winetroub had received notice and was quoted the amount of his assessment and was notified if he put the money up by August 8, 1960, it would be on the voluntary basis; and if not, it would cost 30-40% more. The Assessment procedure was explained to Mr. Winetroub, and it was stated that there was nothing the Council could do in this case to help him.

The Council had before it the following zoning application:

WILLIAM P. HOFFMAN 931 East 41st Street

From "A" Residence
To "GR" General Retail
NOT Recommended by the
Planning Commission
RECOMMENDED "O" Office

Councilman Bechtol moved that the zoning application be referred back to the Planning Commission with recommendations that the Commission study "GR" General Retail zoning on all lots facing on East 41st Street from the Expressway to Red River. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

Councilman Bechtol moved that if the Planning Director has not contacted the following applicants for changes of zoning, (Item 5 of the Pending Agenda) that the City Clerk be instructed to notify these people by letter that they must comply with the request of the Council by December 14th, or we will take positive action on their zoning applications on December 15th:

J. H. FREEMAN & MRS. STELLA OWENS	1006-08 West Lynn	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
GORDON W. GRIFFIN	813-15 East 32nd Street	From "A" Residence To "O" Office
FRANK C. BARRON	4905-5033 Manor Road	From "B" Residence To "GR" General Retail
NAOMI K. TUCKER	1102-04 Springdale Road	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence
DORA E. SCARBOROUGH	3024 Windsor Road 2401-03 Spring Lane	From "A" Residence To "O" Office

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
 Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The City Manager recommended the purchase of some land across the street from the service yard, as it could be used by both the Electric Department and the Water Department. He asked if the Council would like for him to negotiate with the property owner on a possible trade of property (5th and Lamar). Councilman Bechtol wanted to look at both tracts of land. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer suggested that the City Manager proceed to explore the possibility of a trade and find out the costs; and in the meantime that the Council go look at the properties.

The City Manager submitted a letter from C.B. SMITH in regard to the lot at 3rd and Lamar in which he stated that he believed it would be fair if the City Council would give him the refusal of leasing the property or purchasing the property in the event a bona fide offer from someone else were received. The City Manager explained that it had been the custom to deal with only adjoining property owners where the property the City owned was so small that it could not be developed as a separate tract; but in this case, the property was of sufficient size to be developed separately. No action was taken by the Council on answering the letter.

The City Manager stated Mr. J. V. Riley had offered \$15,000 for the property at 3rd and Lamar. Councilman Bechtol suggested that Mr. Riley be informed that the Council is not willing to sell the lot at that price, as the lot's value is around \$30-35,000; and if he has any kind of an offer in that range, that the Council would be glad to consider it.

The City Manager submitted an offer from the people who handle the fire insurance schedules whereby the present policies will be cancelled out and re-written on a deviating plan from the normal insurance rates providing for a 20% discount, which would result in a considerable savings. He explained the savings of approximately \$4,000 per year over a five year period. No action was taken by the Council at the request of Councilman White, as he wanted to check into the matter further.

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Councilman Bechtol brought up the following zoning application:

TOMMIE E. CRAIG	108 West Live Oak	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence
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After discussion, Councilman Bechtol moved that the change be granted to "B" Residence, subject to reversal to "A" Residence and a Special Permit for Beauty Parlor being issued upon the passage of the proposed ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: Councilman White*
Absent: Mayor Miller

*Councilman White voting against the motion as several others in this same category were advised to wait until the passage of the proposed ordinance.

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

The Administrative Assistant, MR. JIM WILSON, brought up for discussion the location of plaques in the Auditorium. MR. F. W. VICKERS, Administrator of the Auditorium, and MR. WOLF JESSEN, Architect, had recommended that plaques be placed in the area just to the right of the Telephone Booths, near the Administrator's Office. As an alternate, Mr. Wilson stated the suggestion was placing these plaques in one of the meeting rooms. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated it was his thought that these plaques would not be on the first floor. The City Attorney stated the group was to bring back for the Council's approval the wording and the design, before the Council would decide on the plaque's location. Councilman Bechtol stated he was interested in the wording on the plaque. Councilman Bechtol moved that the BALLET SOCIETY be allowed to install their plaque, subject to the approval by the Council on the wording and size, in a Committee room. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Administrative Assistant reviewed a discussion regarding a shelter survey in which the Government was going to provide the finances; and the City of Austin was to employ an architect or engineer to conduct this survey. He stated since the survey was of short duration, and the architect or engineer was required to devote full time to the work, that it had been difficult in getting a qualified person to apply. Rather than employ an individual, the City could engage an architectural firm and a certain large firm was recommended to handle this survey. MR. JIM WILSON, Administrative Assistant, stated it was desirable to get approval of the firm before it were contacted. After discussion, Councilman Bechtol moved that the City Manager contact the firm of Architects which he recommends in regard to contracting their services for the Civil Defense Shelter. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

MAYOR PRO-TEM PALMER reported that he had a call from DR. E. H. GIVENS regarding some requests he had made on August 25th, and read the Minutes of that date listing the various requests. He asked if the Council would like to make a tour of the area and see what Dr. Givens had requested. The City Manager stated that most of the streets he had inquired about involved the construction of culverts and bridges. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer asked if any of these items were in the Capital Improvement Plan. Councilman Perry suggested that a report be made on these; and if they are not scheduled, that the Council see what the problems are.

MAYOR PRO-TEM PALMER asked for a report on the paving program--miles of paving completed and number of blocks. The Director of Public Works stated since October, 62 blocks or four and a fourth miles had been paved, which averages about a block a day.

MAYOR PRO-TEM PALMER made inquiry if the complaint made by MR. BOB FOIMAR about drainage had been checked. The Director of Public Works made a report of one check made, and stated he would make another check.

The City Manager submitted the request of MR. JOE CARRUTH, subdivider of Barton View, to have an easement vacated, and explained that Mr. Carruth had filed a new plat and resubdivided the area, but the old easements had never been vacated. He said the lines had been constructed in the new easements, and the original easements would not be needed, and Mr. Carruth wanted them released. (Barton View, Section 2) Councilman Bechtol 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 and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Austin, Texas, a Release of

Easements for Public Utilities in accordance with the terms and provisions of said Release, exhibited to the City Council by the City Manager and attached hereto; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to keep this resolution together with the attached release above described in the permanent files of the City of Austin without recording said release at length upon the minutes of the City Council.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Miller

Not in Council Room when vote was taken: Councilman Perry

The Council recessed until 4:30 P.M.

RECESSED MEETING

4:30 P.M.

At 4:30 P.M., the Council resumed its business.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUILDING LINE 1.33 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 27 AND 0.42 FEET EAST OF AND PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, BLOCK 27, SWISHER ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WAIVING ANY CLAIM WHICH THE CITY OF AUSTIN MAY HAVE FOR ENCROACHMENT ON SAID STREET; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Miller

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the ordinance be finally passed.

The Council discussed again the rodent control program, and the recommendation that the City discontinue the program. DR. PRIMER, Health Officer, explained what was being done, and that at anytime an emergency existed, the Health Department could go immediately into another program if necessary. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer asked that those who were receiving the rodent control services be notified that they were to be discontinued, and that private companies would be available for this type of service. Councilman Bechtol moved that the City's rodent control program be discontinued effective January 1, 1961. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

MAYOR PRO-TEM PALMER noted this would be MR. TERRELL BLODGETT'S last Council meeting with the Council, as he was leaving the next day to become City Manager of Waco, Texas; and speaking for the Council, expressed congratulations to Mr. Blodgett on his appointment as City Manager of Waco, and appreciation for the fine services he had rendered the Council. Councilman White complimented him on the wonderful work he had done for Austin. Councilman Bechtol stated he was speaking not only for himself but for the people of Austin, and groups who had been fortunate to have Mr. Blodgett working with them, in complimenting him on having done a splendid job. Councilman Perry complimented Mr. Blodgett highly on his efficient manner in handling details and complaints and his willingness to attend to the many details, and expressed his personal appreciation to him.

Councilman Bechtol moved that the City Manager be instructed to have an appropriate Resolution drawn commending Mr. Blodgett for his many years of service to this wonderful City; and that a page of the Minutes of this meeting be set aside for this Resolution. The motion was adopted by standing vote.

MR. BLODGETT stated the people of Austin are very fortunate in having a Council like it does; and the Council and people were fortunate in having the City Manager they have. He stated anything he had been able to do or any help he was able to give was due to the guidance of the City Manager and cooperation of the Department heads. He stated the functions and activities of the City could hold their heads up among all other cities in Texas and throughout the United States, because there are employees who are not only technically qualified, but otherwise qualified; and because Austin has one who can give real leadership and real inspiration to do a good job, which the City Manager has done the past five years. Mr. Blodgett expressed appreciation for the opportunity of working with the Council and administrative forces. He complimented the City Manager on his selection of MR. JIM WILSON as Assistant City Manager.

The City Manager, MR. W. T. WILLIAMS; stated he and Mr. Blodgett had been working together for nearly six years, and that many things had been put into effect due to the detailed studies that Mr. Blodgett had made and worked out; for instance, employee relations. Many things have been done along that line due to his studies. Through his studies he has been able to ferret out the answers for what was needed in order to make proper decisions. The City Manager stated it had been a pleasure to work with Mr. Blodgett under the conditions present and under the guidance of the Council.

Other expressions of appreciation and commendation were made by the City Attorney, Director of Public Works, Health Officer, the new Assistant City Manager and others.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated if our beloved Mayor were here, he would express his feelings and wish MR. BLODGETT well in his new appointment.

The Director of Public Works reviewed the matter of a possible change of name in Balcones Drive, Parkcrest, and Balcones Trail, and showed the location of these streets on the map. He stated the matter had been under study since 1958, and gave a resume of the contacts made with the property owners, and listed the number who favored the change, the number who were opposed to and the number that could not be contacted. After discussion, Councilman Bechtol moved that the name of the street from 35th Street, going all the way to U. S. 183, that is now known as Balcones Trail, Parkcrest Drive, and Balcones Drive, be changed to Balcones Drive; and that the short section of the old Bull Creek Road from the present Balcones Trail to the present Northland Drive, be changed to Parkcrest, effective at the listing date dead-line of the telephone book to be published in late 1961. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
 Noes: None
 Absent: Mayor Miller

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer asked that all property owners be notified by letter of this action taken by the Council.

The Council received notice from the City Manager that the following zoning applications had been referred to the Plan Commission and set for public hearing before the Council on January 5, 1961:

A. H. RITTER	1000-10 (1104) Manor Road 2301-11 Interregional Highway	From "C" Commercial To "C-2" Commercial
JOSE C. GARCIA By John B. Selman	2712 Canterbury 80-84 Pleasant Valley Road	From "A" Residence To "LR" Local Retail
KEYSTONE REALTY CO. INC. By Virgil C. Lott	1212-1300 (1208) Spring- dale Road	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence
SAMMIE JOSEPH By J. P. Darrouzet	616-618 Lamar Boulevard	From "C" Commercial To "C-2" Commercial

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MRS. CLAUDIA McPHAUL	3414 (3502) East 12th Street	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence
COMMUNITY REALTY CO. By V. E. Ballard	1148 Airport Boulevard	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
M. H. CROCKETT, JR. By G. H. Spurlock	5420A & 5420B Airport Boulevard	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial & "C-2" Commercial
FRED C. MORSE, PURCHASER By Roger Hanks	2214 College Avenue (2214) South Congress Avenue)	From "A" Residence 1st Height & Area To "IR" Local Retail 2nd Height & Area
O.F. HENDERSON By Richard Hooper	4705 Harmon Avenue	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
U-TOTEM, INC. By Robert J. Potts, Jr.	2408-2412 Greenlawn Parkway	From "C" Commercial & "C-1" Commercial & "C-2" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
ALICE B. HOLMES By Frank D. Kerbow	2307-09 Leon Street 1021-25 West 24th Street	From "O" Office To "IR" Local Retail
TEXAS AND NEW ORLEANS RAILROAD By Donald J. Weigand	419-421 Koenig Lane	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
TEXAS AND NEW ORLEANS RAILROAD By Donald J. Weigand	711-713 East 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
TEXAS AND NEW ORLEANS RAILROAD By Donald J. Weigand	6901-6933 Airport Blvd.	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
O. M. RHEA ESTATE By Boyd Rhea, Executor	2403 Red River	From "B" Residence To "O" Office
JOHN R. KUCHAR By Bradley Bourland	1710-1806 West Avenue	From "A" Residence 1st Height & Area & "B" Residence 1st Height & Area To "B" Residence 2nd Height & Area
RUBEN H. JOHNSON By Dan Felts	Tract 1: 2704 (2624) Rio Grande 2705 Salado St. Tract 2: 2706-2708 (2710) Rio Grande Tract 3: 2707 (2701) Salado Street	From "B" Residence To "O" Office

J. E. SULLIVAN

2201-03 Manor Road
2207-17 Coleta Street

From "C" Commercial
To "C-1" Commercial

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Council adjourned at 5:55 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Leotis E. Palmer
Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Elsie H. Hoxley
City Clerk