

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 29, 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; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by FATHER MATOCHA, St. Louis Parish.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 1960, be approved with correction noted by Councilman Bechtol in the paragraph regarding the savings on the turbine-generator. 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 City Manager submitted the following:

"December 27, 1960

"W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager Assessment Paving Contract Number 60-A-35

"Following is a tabulation of the bids received at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, December 27, 1960 for the construction of approximately forty-six blocks of pavement and accessories known as Assessment Paving Contract Number 60-A-35 consisting of 18 units.

"Giesen & Latson Construction Co.	\$ 99,368.40
J. W. Steelman, Inc.	104,775.28
McKown & Sons	107,517.30
"City's Estimate	\$106,373.19

"I recommend that Giesen & Latson Construction Company with their low bid of \$99,368.40 be awarded the contract for this project.

"S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.
Director of Public Works"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on December 27, 1960, for the construction of approximately forty-six blocks of pavement and accessories, known as Assessment Paving Contract Number 60-A-35, consisting of 18 units; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Giesen & Latson Construction Co. in the sum of \$99,368.40 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

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

That the bid of Giesen & Latson Construction Co. in the sum of \$99,368.40 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City with Giesen & Latson Construction Co.

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 City Manager submitted the following:

"December 27, 1960

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

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"Bids were received until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 27, 1960 at the Office of the Director of the Water and Sewer Department for the installation of the Arpdale Street, Rabb Glenn Street and Newton Street Water Main. Bids were then publicly opened and read in the second floor Conference Room, Municipal Building, Austin, Texas.

"The following is a tabulation of the bids received:

<u>"Firm</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Working Days</u>
Fairey-Simons Company, Incorporated	\$12,691.20	40
Walter W. Schmidt	14,764.55	50
Bland Construction Company	15,676.25	60

<u>"Firm</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Working Days</u>
"Austin Engineering Company	\$16,822.90	45
Glade Construction Company	17,974.50	45
Ford-Wagner, Incorporated	24,609.50	75

"It is recommended that the contract be awarded to the Fairey-Simons Co., Inc. on their low bid of \$12,691.20 with 40 working days.

"Yours truly,
s/ Victor R. Schmidt, Jr.
Superintendent, Water Distribution
s/ Albert R. Davis
Director Water and Sewer Department"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on December 27, 1960, for the installation of the Arpdale Street, Rabb Glenn Street and Newton Street Water Mains; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Fairey-Simons Company, Incorporated, in the sum of \$12,691.20 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of the Water and Sewer Department of the City of Austin and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

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

That the bid of Fairey-Simons Company, Incorporated, in the sum of \$12,691.20 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City with Fairey-Simons Company, Incorporated.

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

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City Manager
Austin, Texas

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"The following is a tabulation of bids received:

<u>"Firm</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Working Days</u>
Fairey - Simons Company, Inc.	\$16,819.85	40
Walter W. Schmidt	17,353.20	50
Austin Engineering Company	17,720.75	50
Ford Wagner, Inc.	19,684.90	60
Bland Construction Company	22,457.00	75
Glade Construction Company	23,427.50	60

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

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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

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 16.70 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT

BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN
PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The 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 Perry, 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 Perry, 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.

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BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXA-
TION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF
6.11 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF
THE T. J. CHAMBERS GRANT, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;
WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO
AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY
OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. 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 discussed a lease-contract for boning operations at the Abattoir. Discussion covered the amount of the minimum rent set up with the idea of raising the minimum. The Council took no action on the contract, and the Mayor Pro-tem asked the City Manager to negotiate with Mr. Brooks again regarding a higher minimum rent figure.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.78 OF CHAPTER 11 OF
THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 BY PROVIDING THAT THE
MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF UNDERGROUND TANKS USED FOR THE
STORAGE OF GASOLINE SHALL BE SIX THOUSAND GALLONS,

INSTEAD OF THREE THOUSAND GALLONS; 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 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 had been finally passed.

The Council discussed the ordinance pertaining to prohibiting the sale of gasoline in glass containers. Councilman Perry stated there were satisfactory, and in some cases, plastic containers were made specifically for gasoline. It was suggested that as other approved materials that would stand up for this purpose came up, the matter could be considered along that line also. Councilman Bechtol stated that the Fire Marshal could make a survey on the containers on the market today and come back with a report. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer introduced the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE AUSTIN CITY
CODE OF 1954, BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION DESIGN-
ATED AS SECTION 11.95 PROHIBITING DELIVERY OF GASOLINE
IN ANY CONTAINER OTHER THAN A METAL CONTAINER; RE-
QUIRING THE POSTING OF SIGNS OF SUCH PROHIBITION; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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
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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.

The City Manager stated that plaques for the Terminal Building had been considered previously and it had been decided that it would be appropriate to add some names on one, and not to place the other proposed plaque at all. He suggested that since the area for these plaques had been more or less designed for two, that one plaque be placed with the names of the Council, Regional Director of the F.A.A., Administrative Staff, Architects and Contractors, and the other will have the names of the members of the former Council. The Council discussed this, and the City Manager stated he would refer it back to the Director of Aviation to prepare the wording.

The City Manager submitted a request from the ALAMO AVIATION COMPANY which is interested in establishing a dealership at the Airport, and stated that the Director of Aviation had suggested an area southeast of the Terminal Building which might be used for such a project. The City Manager said his view right now was that the area should not be cluttered with hangers, and that additional land for future use of commercial activities at the Airport would be needed. The City Manager pointed out on the map the additional land that could be acquired. He mentioned the related industries that could utilize the airport and named one that wanted to locate here, but could not because there was no place available. The Mayor Pro-tem suggested taking a positive approach and see if something can be worked out.

The City Manager referred to a report from the Director of Recreation concerning inquiry from a Highland Park group regarding development of Perry Playground, and handed out copies of the report. The City Manager stated \$2,000 had been budgeted this year for playground apparatus, but the request included construction of a junior swimming pool and various other facilities. He pointed out the amount of money spent on this park, and the lump sum available in small amounts for various neighborhood playgrounds, none to exceed \$4,000 or \$5,000 except the Civitan Park. He listed the specific requests, which were discussed as follows:

- (1) Clear and clean the entire park area. It was believed that the Department of Public Works could do this.
- (2) Draw a comprehensive over-all plan for maximum development of Perry Park, including picnic area, tennis courts, swimming pool etc. The City Manager stated drawing the plans would be no problem. Councilman Perry said plans had been drawn sometime back, it was possible those plans could be located.

- (3) Plan one or more access roads to the Park, and plan a parking area. The City Manager said this would not be much of a problem, although in getting access, there might be drainage problems as the area was rugged.
- (4) Start the installation of playground equipment as soon as possible so it could be used in 1961.
- (5) Plan the construction of tennis courts, etc. for 1952.
- (6) Develop Perry Park at its maximum potential at the earliest possible date.

The City Manager stated that the swimming pool, tennis courts, etc., was scheduled for 1964. Councilman Bechtol inquired if the Schools were participating in the development of this park. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer asked Councilman Bechtol to contact the schools regarding this participation, and asked that the City Manager keep in touch with this Committee and let them know of what can be done.

The Council recessed until 2:00 P.M.

RECESSED MEETING

2:00 P.M.

At 2:00 P.M., the Council resumed its business.

The City Manager introduced MR. CHARLEY SAUNDERS, Part-time Administrative Assistant.

Councilman Bechtol moved that the City Manager be requested to write a letter to the Texas Game and Fish Commission formally requesting that they set as early a date as possible for the stocking of the new Town Lake. 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

DR. EVERETT GIVENS appeared before the Council regarding requests he made on August 25, 1960. MAYOR PRO-TEM PALMER referred to a report from the Traffic Engineer in which he stated that the signal lights at Rosewood and Chicon had been approved, and the lights were ordered, but the other locations for signal lights did not meet the minimum requirements for traffic signals, and he did not recommend signals, as these streets were already protected by two-way or four-way stop signs. These streets were 23rd and Chicon; 19th and Chestnut; Rosewood, 11th and Navasota; 12th and San Bernard; and 12th and Comal. Dr. Givens stated 19th and Chestnut was a "must" for traffic signals, and that 12th and Comal should have high priority. The City Manager stated on these other streets, the situation may change when the Interregional Highway is opened; and at that time he would suggest that MR. KLAPPROTH restudy it all from the point of view of traffic load on the streets. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer told Dr. Givens that after restudying these, at any time when these traffic lights are needed, they will be provided as soon as they possibly can.

Discussion with Dr. Givens continued regarding the opening of certain streets. The Director of Public Works stated that East 11th Street could be extended into Northwestern Avenue, but it would have a 29% grade; also Bryan Street, if it were extended, would have a 30% grade. He stated to open these two streets and to pave them sufficiently to avoid washouts, would cost \$1800. As to opening Walter Street, he recommended against its opening, as it would come in on the hill where there was a 30% grade, and it would be hard to make a safe intersection. The Director of Public Works pointed out on a map a better plan by tying Poquito into Swenson, and acquiring some property to round off the corner. The Council wanted to go look at these streets with Dr. Givens. The Director of Public Works stated that a culvert could be constructed costing about \$2,000 at Alamo and New York Avenue. He said two culverts were included in the budget this year at 17th and 18th on Maple when easements are obtained. Dr. Givens was asked to help obtain the easements for this right-of-way. Dr. Givens inquired about opening 16th Street west to Chestnut. It was stated that right-of-way was needed for this, and the Council wanted to make a personal inspection of this street. Councilman Bechtol told Dr. Givens there would be no problem about the cost of opening East 11th and Bryan Streets, but the high grade necessary would make the streets very dangerous, and the convenience would not be worth the danger involved. The Director of Public Works said bids would be taken on improving New York Avenue within the next 60 days. Bridges on Maple Avenue on East 17th and East 18th are included in this year's budget, but easements are needed. Dr. Givens was asked to check with Mr. Ward this week to see if he could help any in securing these easements. As to Dr. Givens' request for a Railroad signal on 19th Street, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer suggested that Dr. Givens contact the Southern Pacific Railroad (Mr. O. T. Olson and Mr. Hodges) and that he too would contact them.

The City Attorney distributed copies of the Electric Service Regulations, stating the Ebasco report recommended that such be set up and followed about a year, and this had been done, and no difficulties had been experienced. He said the only thing that was not put into effect was a minimum of \$20.00 or cost for "here and there meters". He said the adoption of this fee for the "here and there meters" would mean \$15,000 revenue.

The Council received notice from the City Manager that the following zoning applications had been referred to the Planning Commission and set for public hearing before the Council on February 2, 1961:

A. J. CLARE	1806 Koenig Lane 5901-03 Camino Real	From "A" Residence To "LR" Local Retail
T. C. STEINER By George MacDonald	1210-1306 Mariposa Drive	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence
T. C. STEINER By George MacDonald	1700-1830 So. Inter- regional 1201-1323 Woodlawn Ave.	From "A" Residence To "LR" Local Retail
BRADFELD CUMMINS, INC. By W.L. Bradfield	Tract 1 5800-5902 Highland Pass 3700-3712 Bull Creek Road	Tract 1 From Interim "A" Residence 1st Height & Area To "B" Residence 2nd Height & Area

BRADFIELD CUMMINS, INC. (Cont)	Tract 2 3714-3720 Bull Creek Road	Tract 2 From Interim "A" Resi- dence 1st Height & Area To "LR" Local Retail
BURKE MATTHEWS	2612-14 East 7th Street 2607 Gonzales	From "D" Industrial To "C-1" Commercial
BONIFACIO ALBA	2310 (2312) East 9th Street	From "A" Residence To "LR" Local Retail
HERBERT BOHN & J. D. WILLIS By C.T. Uselton	3711 Jefferson Street 1605-07 West 38th Street	From "A" Residence To "LR" Local Retail

The Council recessed until 10:00 A.M., Friday, December 30, 1960.

RECESSED MEETING
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Roll call:

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

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

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

Councilman Bechtol moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded

by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

The Council adjourned at 10:30 A.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Luft & Palmer
Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Elaine Hooley
City Clerk