

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 23, 1963

10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, 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 MR. DOREN R. ESKEW, City Attorney.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third 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 39.3 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING ALL OF WESTOVER HILLS SECTION ONE, A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NO. 18, 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 third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third 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

28.18 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE J. A. G. BROOKS SURVEY NUMBER 28, 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. (Riverbend, Section 1)

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third 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 5.00 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE J. C. TANNEHILL LEAGUE, 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. (Hill and Dale Addition)

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third 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 2.78 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE 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. (Unplatted)

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third 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 9.5 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE WILLIAM BARTON LABOR 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. (Terrace Village)

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FARES AND CHARGES COLLECTIBLE, BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1947, BY EVERY PERSON, FIRM AND CORPORATION MAINTAINING AND OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN A BUS SYSTEM FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE USING OR OPERATING UNDER A PUBLIC FRANCHISE; PRESCRIBING PAYMENTS TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BASED UPON GROSS ANNUAL RECEIPTS FROM OPERATIONS, BY EVERY PERSON, FIRM AND CORPORATION MAINTAINING AND OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN A BUS SYSTEM; FIXING TIMES FOR SUCH PAYMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN JUNE 26, 1947, AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "M", PAGES 523-524, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF PRESCRIBING RATES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE BY BUS WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: Councilmen LaRue, Long

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"December 19, 1963

"TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Bids for Paper and Lead Power Cable - Electric Distribution

"Sealed bids were received in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 10:00 A.M. December 19, 1963 for the purchase of paper and lead cable.

"Tabulation of bids is as follows:

7,555 ft. - 3 conductor 350 MCM 15 K V paper and lead power cable

Anaconda Wire and Cable Company	\$32,418.50
General Cable Corporation	\$32,871.30
The Okonite Company	\$32,871.80
Phelps Dodge Copper Products Co.	No bid due to strike at plant

"All bids were subject to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% discount for payment within 10 days - net 30.

"Invitation to bid was sent to all firms able to bid on this product.

"RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that award be made to Anaconda Wire and Cable Company as lowest and best bid.

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

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on December 19, 1963 for 7,555 feet - 3 conductor 350 MCM 15 K V paper and lead power cable for the Electric Distribution Department; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Anaconda Wire and Cable Company, in the sum of \$32,418.50 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent 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 Anaconda Wire and Cable Company, in the sum of \$32,418.50 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 to execute a contract on behalf of the City with said Anaconda Wire and Cable Company.

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

The City Manager submitted the following:

"December 20, 1963

"To: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager Subject: Fire Station #18, Berkman Drive Tabulation of Bids

"We are transmitting herewith tabulation of bids for construction of Fire Station #18, Berkman Drive.

"Please note that the low bidder is Jackson & Cullen Construction Company. This company has previously constructed two projects for us (Pro-shop at the Morris Williams Golf Course, and the Pharmacy Addition at Brackenridge Hospital). Their work has been entirely satisfactory.

"Alternates were taken for deletion of roof insulation and changes in ventilation louvers. Our evaluation of these alternates indicates that we should accept the base bid which would include normal insulation and ventilators.

"Chief Dickerson and I join the Architect, Eugene Wukasch, in recommending the awarding of this contract to the low bidder, JACKSON & CULLEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, for the lump sum of \$78,800.00.

s/ A. M. Eldridge
Supervising Engineer"

"PROJECT: FIRE STATION #18, BERKMAN DRIVE. Bid Opening: Thursday, December 19, 1963, 2:00 P.M., in the Planning Conference Room, Municipal Building.

BIDDERS		BASE BID	ALT.#1	ALT.#2	ALT.#3	COMPLETION TIME
JACKSON & CULLEN 2708 South Lamar Austin, Texas	****	<u>\$78,800.00</u>	-\$1800.00	-\$300.00	No charge	130 days
SAM GORE 608 East 49th St. Austin, Texas		\$93,162.00	-\$ 350.00	-\$446.00	-\$204.00	150 days
HORACE HOWARD Box 508 San Marcos, Texas		\$97,313.36	-\$ 221.00	-\$128.00	-\$4000.00	220 days
B.L. McGEE CONSTRUCTION P. O. Box 782 Austin, Texas		\$83,700.00	-\$1100.00	-\$200.00	-\$200.00	220 days

**** Low Bid

Alternate #1 G-1 Roof insulation gravel stops.
Alternate #2 G-2 Operated louvers to alum. windows.
Alternate #3 G-3 Brick trim."

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on December 19, 1963, for the construction of Fire Station #18, Berkman Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Jackson & Cullen Construction Company, in the sum of \$78,800.00, was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Supervising Engineer, Construction Engineering Division 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 Jackson & Cullen Construction Company in the sum of \$78,800.00 be and the same is hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with Jackson & Cullen Construction Company.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 SO AS TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS GOVERNING THE CONDITION, OCCUPANCY AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS OR PREMISES USED, DESIGNED OR INTENDED TO BE USED FOR HUMAN HABITATION IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT HEREOF; FIXING RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION, REMOVAL, REPAIR, DEMOLITION, OR CONDEMNATION OF SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS USED, DESIGNED, OR INTENDED TO BE USED FOR HUMAN HABITATION; ESTABLISHING A BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION; SPECIFYING THE NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS THEREOF; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR ITS OPERATION; ESTABLISHING ITS JURISDICTION AND PROVIDING FOR APPEALS THERETO; REQUIRING INSPECTION AND ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE ERECTION, ALTERATION, MOVING OR DEMOLISHING OF ANY BUILDING IN THE CITY; DEFINING TERMS; DEFINING A SUBSTANDARD BUILDING AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE A NUISANCE; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING THAT ENFORCEMENT HEREOF SHALL BE A GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Present but not voting: Councilman White

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Present but not voting: Councilman White

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Present but not voting: Councilman White

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman White moved that MR. E. L. WILLIAMS be appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a two year term expiring December 31, 1965, to fill the vacancy of MR. DAVE SHIPWASH who resigned. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman White moved that the Council send MR. DAVE SHIPWASH a letter of appreciation and thanks for the fine work he accomplished as a member of the Board of Adjustment and as its Chairman. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council discussed the duties and dates of meeting of the NAVIGATION BOARD. Police Chief Miles said at one time a police officer was an ex officio member of the Board since the Police Department operated boats on the Lake, and he asked that someone from the Department be appointed and suggested Major Biggerstaff. Councilman Long stated since the Council wanted to study the duties and obligations of the Navigation Board, it might be well to provide that the Board have regular meetings once a month. She suggested that such a provision be included in the ordinance as well as bringing the duties up to date. Councilman Long moved that a Police Officer be designated by Police Chief Miles to serve as ex officio member of the Navigation Board. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Mayor Palmer inquired about the status of the lowering of LAKE AUSTIN. The City Manager had a report from the L.C.R.A. stating that because of the water shortage in the lakes they would not favor lowering Lake Travis at all at this

time; but if there are some rains in January or February, they might reconsider it at that time. Mayor Palmer asked that the Council go on record that at this time, in line with the request of the L.C.R.A., that the Lake would not be lowered and that publicity be given so that the people would know. Councilman Long moved to defer lowering Lake Austin this year because of the water shortage and because of the recommendation of the Lower Colorado River Authority until conditions are more appropriate. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

In connection with the weed control, which is the primary purpose for lowering the Lake, the City Manager stated the City has had contact with a manufacturer who makes a type of weed cutter and harvester which picks the weeds and bails them. The type of cutter the City has cuts the weeds but does not gather them. The manufacturer at first wanted to contract to do the harvesting but now they will sell the machine at around \$30,000. He stated a market could be developed for the weeds for various uses - a substitute for hay, fertilizer, and mulch. He said the City probably would want to acquire one of these harvesters. Councilman Long suggested that someone should observe its operation to see if it would be capable of handling this local problem. The City Manager said someone could be sent to Wisconsin to see the machine in operation as it is used for the lakes in that area.

The Council had before it a resolution commending and publicly recognizing MR. WALTER H. HILL, Superintendent of Parks and Sanitation, upon his retirement from the City. The City Manager pointed out, in addition to Mr. Hill's work as Superintendent of the Parks Division, he had served on several of the employees' committees, one of which was the Retirement Board; and Mr. Hill is to be given a great deal of credit for improving the system. The earnings are comparable and as good as any other retirement system, and the benefits are far better than they were in the past. The Director of Public Works stated the Sanitation Division had progressed under Mr. Hill's supervision, and he was liked and respected by all of his employees. (Resolution on page set apart for that purpose) Mr. Hill expressed appreciation for his many friends and for his pleasant relationship with the Council, City Manager, and Director of Public Works.

The Council had before it a resolution giving public recognition and commendation to MR. ALBERT R. DAVIS, Director of the Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Davis is to retire on December 31st. Mayor Palmer stated one of the greatest tributes to anyone in operating a department was to see that a person was trained and had the knowledge to take over the supervision. Mr. Davis had done that, and he has a highly trained person capable of this high responsibility. The City Manager stated Mr. Davis was in his 43rd year with the City, having been in charge of the Water and Sewer Departments for practically all of that period; and he had done an outstanding job in supervising the development of the Water and Sewer Systems. In addition to this work, he had engaged in a lot of extra curricula work for the employees and is now serving on a committee to improve the insurance program. The City Manager expressed appreciation of Mr. Davis' services in all phases. (Resolution on page set apart for that purpose.) Mr. Davis stated he was proud that he had been able to have the cooperation and support of the City Council and City Manager and to have been able to work with this group of people.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the lives, the health, and the comforts of the people of Austin have been indescribably enriched through the past four decades by pure and wholesome water and the sanitary disposal of wastes; and,

WHEREAS, the enormous job of satisfying these essential needs has in large measure been fulfilled by the labors and vision of Albert R. Davis, Director of Water and Sewer Department, who is now retiring; Now, Therefore,

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

That upon the occasion of his well-earned retirement, the inspiring example of Albert R. Davis who has shown us how to be great, by being the servant of all be given public recognition and that a page be especailly set apart for that purpose in the official Minutes of the City Council, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to the said Albert R. Davis.

The Council, by rising vote unanimously adopted the above resolution.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the people of Austin and those who have visited "The Friendly City" have found its public grounds and its homes and businesses more beautiful and more wholesome because of the tireless efforts of one of the City's most valuable public servants; and,

WHEREAS, upon the occasion of his well-earned retirement, it is altogether fitting that public expression of the gratitude of his fellow-citizens, who shall always remain indebted to him, be expressed to Walter H. Hill, Superintendent of Parks and Sanitation for the City of Austin; Now, Therefore,

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

That the inspiring example of Walter H. Hill who has shown us how to be great, by being the servant of all, be given public recognition and that a page be especially set apart for that purpose in the official Minutes of the City Council, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to said Walter H. Hill.

The Council, by rising vote unanimously adopted the above resolution.

The Council had before it the following zoning application deferred from last week:

NELSON PUETT

Tract 1:
5212-5214 & 5222-5332
Manchaca Road

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

Tract 2:
5216-5220 Manchaca Road

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

Mr. Puett appeared again in his own behalf stating this area strictly was not residential property in that there was this radio tower in the area and that Manchaca Road was not a residential street any more. He said Southern Oaks Drive would be a 60' street through his subdivision and that he had agreed to give 20' to widen Manchaca Road and to the drainage easement. He stated he would provide a 50' buffer zone between the zoning and the adjacent property owners, that he had mailed letters to those property owners offering to buy their houses, and he would put up a big retaining wall of any type they wanted. The Director of Planning discussed the zoning problems in the area with special reference to four lots on the corner across the street. The Council discussed the buffer zone to be left - 50' or 30'. The Director of Planning stated the natural barrier of the drainage ditch would be a suitable boundary. Councilman Shanks moved that the 30' drainage ditch be left as "A" Residential and that the remaining of the zoning be granted as requested. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail for Tract 1 and to "C-1" for Tract 2, except the 30' drainage ditch which was to be left as "A" Residence, and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

The City Manager read a letter from Mr. Thomas Perkins, Austin Chamber of Commerce, regarding the sponsoring of a nationally televised program to be presented on ABC's Wide World of Sports in the spring or early summer of 1964. The event would be the NATIONAL WATER SKI KITE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIPS, and the Town Lake from the Interregional Bridge east to the bend in the Lake west of the power plant had been requested for a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that the request be granted and that the Council extend this group an invitation to Austin. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman LaRue moved that the Council reset the following zoning application for hearing at 11:00 A.M., January 16th, at the request of Mr. Marion Shafer, Attorney:

AUS-TOWN DEVELOPMENT	4800-5016 Springdale	From Interim "A" Resi-
CORPORATION, GREG T.	Road	dence and "A"
SCOTT, By Marion Shafer		Residence
		To "GR" General Retail

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

The City Manager stated discussion about the possibility of selling property on East 7th Street to the adjoining property owner, Mr. Odas Jung, had been held; and the question arose about the possibility of widening East 7th Street. The City Attorney stated this had been explored with the engineers and all of their plans about the possibility of widening East 7th Street, and it is the understanding there will be no need for widening the street. The property is a 134' x 20' strip on the corner of the south side of East 7th Street and Gunter Avenue adjoining property of Mr. Jung's on the south. The City Attorney pointed out the area on a map that is to be improved as a covered drainageway. He stated there would be this drainage easement, and Mr. Jung would have to pay for drainage not only across his own property but the drainage over on Hidalgo; and Mr. Jung understands this. He announced the appraised price for the 134' x 20' on East 7th Street, a commercial street, as \$5,000. The City Manager explained the manner in which the value of surplus property as this was arrived. Councilman Shanks moved that this property be sold as recommended. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council delayed decision on a meeting date with the County Commissioners until after the first week in January as Councilman Shanks would be out of the City.

Police Chief Miles, First Vice-President, UNITED FUND, stated the Council had agreed that the United Fund would be permitted to lease property on Bouldin Avenue and Barton Springs Road; and it was his understanding the Council considered this contract had expired since the United Fund had not acted upon it and that the Council would not now look favorably on renewing a lease at this location, since this property was within the Town Lake study area. Chief Miles asked if the City would consider leasing a suitable piece of city property at some other location to the United Fund if it could find another site. Councilman Long did not favor leasing land to different organizations even though they do a good job. She did not believe this to be a good policy as there are many equally good organizations; and even though this was an amalgamation of organizations, she felt no contract should be entered into. Councilman Shanks said this was an integral part of Austin, and he would be in favor of entering into some kind of an agreement at some place. Mayor Palmer suggested that the United Fund find a site and submit it to the Council for consideration on its merits at that time.

Councilman White stated Mrs. Long's point was well taken; but since the Council had gone on record as giving the United Fund the opportunity of leasing this property that he would be willing to give them a lease elsewhere, but in the future the Council should watch this practice very carefully. The Police Chief explained the nature of the building which would house a number of agencies, centralize administrative functions, and save rentals. Councilman Shanks moved that because of the fact that the negotiations were not consummated and because of the fact that there have been changed circumstances, the site which was originally discussed for the United Fund lease at the intersection of Barton Springs Road and Bouldin Avenue no longer be considered as being available for that purpose. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

MR. JESSE GARZA made inquiry about a branch library in East Austin and stated he was going to start a campaign to get more use of the present library in that part of the City and increase the circulation. The City Manager stated there was a branch library now, and the librarians and some of the helpers have been trying to find a new site. Mr. Garza suggested a site on a busy thoroughfare close to a shopping center. The City Manager said this was being done in some areas and was working out pretty well. Councilman White suggested that this matter be turned over to the Library Commission for a study and report. The City Manager stated the Commission was working on it now. Mayor Palmer asked Mr. Garza to work with the Commission.

A petition signed by 17 property owners on East Live Oak Street between East Side Drive and Oltorf Street was filed expressing their wishes as NOT wishing to have East Live Oak Street paved under the Voluntary Paving Program. The petition was referred to the Director of Public Works.

Mayor Palmer inquired about the possibility of providing bleachers for the AQUA FESTIVAL. It had been suggested that the City contact the University of Texas to see if it would lease some bleachers. He suggested that the City Manager and the Director of Recreation explore the matter and see how many will be needed and how much they would cost. Colonel Vance Murphy, representing the Aqua Festival, stated it would be impossible to have as many bleachers as needed for the important events, but whatever could be obtained would be an improvement. Councilman Long suggested borrowing them from the University. The City Manager stated it had been suggested that the east side of the sand beach reserve be terraced and that chairs could be used. He believed this would get under way by next summer. The Mayor stated he, the City Manager, and Colonel Murphy would informally explore the matter with the University.

Councilman White moved that December 23, 1963, be proclaimed as AL WILLIAMS DAY. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Proclamation is as follows:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

A score and seven years ago there appeared on this planet a great literary spirit in the person of Alvin Bartholomew Williams; and,

Whereas, he came and dwelt among us for many months diligently reporting our activities to the citizens of the City of Austin and has now moved on to "misquote" other public officials,

Now, Therefore, in token of the great esteem in which we hold this gentleman of the press, his natal day of December 23rd, 1963, be and the same is hereby designated AL WILLIAMS DAY in Austin

Witness this the 23rd day of December, 1963.

Councilman LaRue moved that Councilman Emma Long be designated as the official Santa Claus for the City Council. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Present but not voting: Councilman Long

The Council received notice that the following zoning applications had been referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation and set for public hearing before the City Council for January 30, 1964:

T. C. BARNES	Rear of 5509-5511 Montview	From "A" Residence
By A. B. Beddow	Rear of 5516-5522 Burnet Rd.	To "C" Commercial
CITY OF AUSTIN	310-318 Jessie Street	From "A" Residence 1st
	1500-1508 Toomey Street	Height & Area
		To "C" Commercial 2nd
		Height & Area
HOMART DEVELOPMENT	Rear of 922-930 East 41st	From "GR" General Retail
CO.	Street (376 Hancock Center)	To "C-1 Commercial
By Trueman O'Quinn		
R. G. MUELLER, JR.	4205-4213 Jackson Avenue	From "B" Residence 1st
	4206-4212 Bull Creek Road	Height & Area
		To "O" Office 2nd
		Height & Area
E. LAWRENCE MUNSON	1500 Lupine Lane	From "A" Residence
By Robert Mueller		To "LR" Local Retail

A. L. TEMPLE, ET AL, By Richard Baker	800-808 East 20th Street 801-809 East 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street 2001-2011 Oldham Street 2000-2022 Interregional Highway	From "BB" Residence 2nd Height & Area and "C" Commercial 1st Height & Area To "C" Commercial 2nd Height & Area
KENNETH L. GORBIT	1607 West 35th Street 3411-3413 Glenview Avenue	From "LR" Local Retail 2nd Height & Area To "GR" General Retail 2nd Height & Area
C. O. BARKER, ET AL	2701-2719 Manor Road	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
HENRY J. SASSE, By Joe Bennett	Rear of 1301-1303 Ben White Boulevard 4304-4306 Banister Lane	From "GR" General Retail 2nd Height & Area To "C-1" Commercial 2nd Height & Area

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Paul E. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

John H. Hooley
City Clerk