

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

July 2, 1964

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 REVEREND CARL EATON, Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 30, 1964, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Council heard an appeal of MR. C. E. GUSTAFSON from the Building Official's decision on Mr. Gustafson's proposed route to move a structure north on the west service road. MR. GUSTAFSON requested permission to move a building on 3311 Interregional Highway to 5400 Avenue F, by routing the move on the west frontage road of the Interregional, north from East 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street to the 4200 block. He stated to use the route approved by the Building Official would involve going down 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street which has some beautiful pecan trees and drop lines, and which would take two hours. If he could be permitted to use the frontage road and go north for the three blocks with police patrol, blocking off a block at a time, he could travel these three blocks in five minutes. The Chief of Police pointed out the problem of entering into Airport Boulevard. He pointed out obstacles to be encountered--crossing the creek and the railroad; and noted should there be a break-down in Mr. Gustafson's equipment there would be real trouble. Councilman LaRue wanted to travel the route before making any decision at this time. The Assistant City Attorney stated the City would incur a tremendous potential liability if it permits any type of move to travel in the wrong direction. It was stated barricades would be set up. Later on in the afternoon meeting, and after the Council had made an on-site inspection of the route, Councilman Long moved that the request of MR. C. E. GUSTAFSON, with proper safeguards be granted.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Not in Council Room when roll was called: Councilman White

The Mayor asked that barricades be required at Mr. Gustafson's expense.

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 87.71 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE JAMES TRAMMEL SURVEY NUMBER 4 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 LaRue moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, 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.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 17.53 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE HENRY P. HILL 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.
(Barton Terrace, Section 3, a portion of Crowell Sub-division, and unplatted tract)

Councilman LaRue moved that the ordinance be published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin and set for public hearing at 10:30 A.M., July 16, 1964. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: Councilman Long

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXA-

TION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 16.34 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NUMBER 57 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. (Cameron Park, Section 2)

Councilman White moved that the ordinance be published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin and set for public hearing at 10:30 A.M., July 16, 1964. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF (A) 39.33 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE JAMES TRAMMEL SURVEY NO. 4, AND (B) 4.27 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE JAMES TRAMMEL SURVEY NO. 4, 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. (Western Trails Estates and unplatted tract; Western Trails, Section 9)

Councilman White moved that the ordinance be published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin and set for public hearing at 10:30 A.M., July 16, 1964. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 20.13 ACRES OF LAND OUT 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. (Stone Gate)

Councilman White moved that the ordinance be published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin and set for public hearing at 10:30 A.M., July 16, 1964. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Councilman Long 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 of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Austin, a Partial Release of Paving Lien to Mary Jane Morgan releasing the following described parcel of land from the paving assessment lien of the City of Austin which is described in Volume 2075, pages 233-260 of the Deed of Trust Records of Travis County, Texas, upon the payment of the sum of \$112.12 to the City of Austin by the said Mary Jane Morgan, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron stake at the Southeast corner of Lot 23, Block 30, Travis Heights, recorded in Book 3, page 15 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; said iron stake being also the Southeast corner of that portion of Lots 22-23 as described in deed recorded in Volume 2313, page 96 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, said iron stake being at the Northwest intersection of Kenwood Avenue and Bonham Terrace;

THENCE with the South line of Lot 23, Block 30, and the North line of Bonham Terrace, North 89° 28' West 28.14 feet to an iron stake at the Southwest corner of said Lot 23 and the Southeast corner of Lot 24, Travis Heights;

THENCE with the East line of Lot 24 and the West line of Lot 23 North 0° 21' East 66.97 feet to an iron stake;

THENCE South 56° 09' East 101.87 feet to an iron stake in the East line of Lot 23 and the West line of Kenwood Avenue;

THENCE with the East line of Lot 23 and the West line of Kenwood Avenue South 35° 46' West 40.4 feet to place of BEGINNING.

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

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

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a drainage easement eight (8.00) feet in width was granted the City of Austin by instrument dated May 7, 1964, of record in Volume 2774 at Pages 160-162 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas; said strip of land being out of and a part of Lot 8, Block 5, Pecan Valley, a subdivision of a portion of the J. C. Tannehill League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Pecan Valley of record in Book 5,

at Page 109 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the owners of said premises have heretofore granted an easement in a more desirable location; and ,

WHEREAS, the owners of said premises have requested the City Council of the City of Austin to release the above described drainage easement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that said easement in, upon and across the following described property is not now needed and will not be required in the future; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the following described drainage easement, to-wit:

In, upon and across the east eight (8.00) feet of Lot 8, Block 5, Pecan Valley, a subdivision of a portion of the J. C. Tannehill League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Pecan Valley of record in Book 5 at page 109 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, which Lot 8, Block 5, was conveyed to Salvador B. Arriaga, et ux by Warranty Deed dated February 13, 1953 of record in Volume 1321 at page 63 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas.

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

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

The Council had before it an agreement between the City, Austin Community Livestock Processors and Southern Pacific for use of the spur track at the Abattoir. The City Manager stated this contract added the Community Livestock Processors to the contract the City already had, where they could bring produce in on this track. Councilman Long inquired as to the nature of the contract. The City Manager stated this was a spur track that comes over to the Abattoir, and it was installed by the City sometime ago to provide service from the railroad to the Abattoir. Councilman Long inquired why it was necessary to have a contract if the spur was there, and asked if this was in the essence of the City's giving the railroad the right to use the City's spur, or did the City build the spur and give it to the railroad. The City Manager stated the track still belongs to the City. The purpose of the contract is to give to the Community Livestock Processors the right to use it. 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 City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement for use of industry track by third party on behalf of

the City of Austin, with the Southern Pacific Company and Austin Community Livestock Processors, Inc. so as to permit the use of the City of Austin industry track at the Municipal Abattoir by the Southern Pacific Company, the Austin Community Livestock Processors, Inc. and others in accordance with the terms and provisions of that certain agreement for use of industry track by third party exhibited to the City Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said agreement in the permanent records of her office without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council.

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

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

Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following:

"June 29, 1964

"To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Proposals to furnish the City of Austin Network Transformers in various sizes for one year.

"The following proposals were received in the office of the Purchasing Agent to furnish the City of Austin Network Transformers in various sizes for one year.

	Estimated Require- ments	Southern Electric Supply (Allis Chalmers)	Walter Tips Company (Westing- house)	Priester- Mell Co. (Maloney)
1000 KVA, 12,500/480Y/277 volt Transformer Units in accordance with City of Austin Spec. #E-403	6 each	Net Total \$47,520.00 As required	\$47,526.00 As required	\$44,760.00 As required
Shipment				
500 KVA, 12,500/480Y/277 volt Transformer Units in accordance with City of Austin Spec. #E-331	6 each	Net Total \$32,316.00 As required	\$32,310.00 As required	\$32,316.00 As required
Shipment				
500 KVA, 12,500/216Y/125 volt Transformer Units in accordance with City of Austin Spec. #E-377	8 each	Net Total \$43,088.00 As required	\$43,080.00 As required	\$43,088.00 As required
Shipment				

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	Estimated Requirements		Pennsylvania Transformer (Pennsylvania)	Graybar Electric Company (General Electric)
1000 KVA, 12,500/480Y/277 volt Transformer Units in accordance with City of Austin Spec. #E-403	6 each	Net Total	\$47,520.00 *33 Weeks	\$47,526.00 As required
Shipment				
500 KVA, 12,500/480Y/277 volt Transformer Units in accordance with City of Austin Spec. #E-331	6 each	Net Total	\$31,980.00 *33 Weeks	\$32,316.00 As required
Shipment				
500 KVA, 12,500/216Y/125 volt Transformer Units in accordance with City of Austin Spec. #E-377	8 each	Net Total	\$44,000.00 * 33 weeks	\$43,088.00 As required
Shipment				

* The 33 week shipping schedule as quoted by Pennsylvania Transformer exceeds the City of Austin's required delivery. Delivery must be made in approximately 20 weeks from the time the order is placed to assure service to the various installations.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended a contract be made with Priester-Mell Company for furnishing six (6) or more 1000 KVA, 12,500/480Y/277 Network Transformers at a price of \$7,460.00 each to be delivered as required by the City of Austin as the lowest and best proposal. It is recommended a contract be made with Walter Tips Company for furnishing six (6) or more 500 KVA, 12,500/480Y/277 Network Transformers at a price of \$5,385.00 each and eight (8) or more 500 KVA, 12,500/216Y/125 Network transformers at a price of \$5,385.00 each to be delivered as required by the City of Austin as the lowest and best proposal meeting our delivery requirements.

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

Councilman Long stated these particular bids were all but identical and discussed timing and planning for transformers. The City Manager stated these specifications included the date of delivery as part of the bid and there was only one bidder that had any difficulty in meeting the schedule. It was requested some of the units be shipped in February, some in April, and some in January, and these units are for specific installation in particular buildings now under construction. Councilman Long moved to refer these bids to the State Attorney General, and the United States Attorney General for review, because they are in effect identical bids. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin for Network Transformers in various sizes for one year; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Priester-Mell Company for furnishing six (6) or more 1000 KVA, 12,500/480Y/277 network transformers at a price of \$7,460.00 each, was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the bids of Walter Tips Company for furnishing six (6) or more 500 KVA, 12,500/480Y/277 network transformers at a price of \$5,385.00 each, and eight (8) or more 500 KVA 12,500/216Y/125 network transformers at a price of \$5,385.00 each, were the lowest and best bids therefor, and the acceptance of such bids 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 bids of Priester-Mell Company and Walter Tips Company, be and the same are hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute contracts, on behalf of the City, with Priester-Mell Company and Walter Tips Company.

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

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: Councilman Long

Councilman Long voting against the motion with the statement she believed they were identical bids.

The City Manager listed the location of these transformers stating they were being purchased for installation in the CAMBRIDGE TOWER APARTMENTS at 19th and Lavaca now under construction; DOWNTOWNER HOTEL, 11th and San Jacinto; GREAT MOTOR HOTEL on Congress and 1st Street, on which a building permit has not yet been issued. It cannot be forecast when units to serve the customers would be needed as it is not known when the customers would be ready.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"DATE: June 29, 1964

"TO: Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager SUBJECT: Bids on 69 KV Substation Structure

"Bids were opened at 2:00 P.M., June 26, 1964 for one 69 KV Substation Structure for a distribution substation at Seaholm Plant by the Purchasing Agent and sent to the Electric Department for evaluation and recommendation.

"The bids are tabulated as follows:

Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.	\$32,127.00	30-60 days
Priester-Mell Company, Inc.	31,053.00	8 weeks
Pennsylvania Transformer Division	43,000.00	150-180 days
Graybar Electric Co.	31,300.00	10-14 weeks

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H. K. Porter Co.	\$30,515.00	16-18 weeks
H. K. Porter Co., Alternate 1	30,640.00	16-18 weeks
H. K. Porter Co., Alternate 2	27,005.00	16-18 weeks
H. K. Porter Co., Alternate 3	27,130.00	16-18 weeks
ITE Circuit Breaker Co.	34,326.00	22 weeks
Westinghouse Electric Corp.	33,768.00	20 weeks

"All prices are firm and all terms are net 30 days. Priester-Mell, ITE and Westinghouse quoted FOB Austin and the other bidders quoted FOB Factory Freight allowed. The H.K. Porter Alternates 2 and 3 do not meet our specifications in that trusses for future breaker disconnect switches were omitted.

"All deliveries are satisfactory.

"I recommend that we accept the bid of the H.K. Porter Company, Delta Star Division for \$30,515.00 as the best bid.

"FROM: D.C. Kinney, Director Electric Utility

(Sgd) D. C. Kinney "

Councilman Long inquired where this structure would be located. The City Manager stated this was for Power Plant in connection with the new generator. Councilman Long stated 33 weeks could very well be planned on the new Power Plant, because it is known what will be needed there. The City Manager stated there was no problem on delivery on this, and this was the low bid. Councilman LaRue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on June 26, 1964, for one 69 KV Substation Structure for a distribution substation at Seaholm Plant; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of H.K. Porter Company, Delta Star Division, in the sum of \$30,515.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Electric Utility 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 H.K. Porter Company, Delta Star Division, in the sum of \$30,515.00, 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 H. K. Porter Company, Delta Star Division.

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

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

Councilman Long voted against the motion, stating this bid also is identical.

The Building Official stated the plan for off-street parking at 2806 Rio Grande Street had been revised where there was no backing into Rio Grande Street, and 36 spaces are being provided instead of the original 29. Seventy-seven percent of the parking required is being provided. Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the Building Inspector, the application of Dr. John C. Dickson for a building permit together with a site plan dated June 30, 1964 meeting the requirements of Section 10-B, 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City, for certain building establishment at 2806 Rio Grande, more particularly described in said application; and,

WHEREAS, it has been found and determined by the City Council of the City of Austin that, based upon the use of the premises for the purpose of erecting an apartment hotel the maximum number of parking spaces which will probably be used by employees and customers of such establishment, taking into account the loading facilities on the site, the public parking areas and street space available for parking in the vicinity, public safety, and free circulation of traffic both on and off the site, is thirty-six parking spaces; Now, Therefore,

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

That thirty-six (36) spaces is an adequate number of parking spaces for the establishment shown on the site plan of Dr. John C. Dickson dated June 30, 1964, for use of the premises for the purpose of erecting an apartment hotel.

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:

TABULATION OF BIDS
Sale of Houses
Bids opened June 30, 1964

5009 Cameron Road
1 story frame building

Ralph Hudson \$3.00
P. M. O. \$60.00

Jesse Sharpe \$27.50
Cashier's Check \$1.65

1209 Sabine Street

Jesse Sharpe \$1.25
Cashier's Check \$1.65

1217 Sabine Street

Jesse Sharpe \$1.25
Cashier's Check \$1.65

1221 Sabine Street

Jesse Sharpe \$1.25
Cashier's Check \$1.65

1219 Sabine Street

Jesse Sharpe \$1.25
Cashier's Check \$1.65

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1204 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Avenue

Jesse Sharpe

\$5.00

1206 East Avenue

C. F. Hoerling

P. M. O.

\$0.60

\$12.00

Amount underlined represents high bidder.

Councilman Long moved to sell the following houses to the highest bidders with the request that they demolish them; otherwise they cannot purchase them:

1209 Sabine Street (Jesse Sharpe - \$1.25)
1217 Sabine Street (Jesse Sharpe - \$1.25)
1219 Sabine Street (Jesse Sharpe - \$1.25)
1221 Sabine Street (Jesse Sharpe - \$1.25)
1204 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Avenue (Jesse Sharpe - \$5.00)
1206 East Avenue (C.F. Hoerling - \$12.00)

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

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

Noes: None

The City Manager stated there seemed to be \$161.00 recoverable items in the building at 5009 Cameron Road. If the items are salvaged, the City would have the responsibility of demolishing the building. If the man takes the building for \$60.00 he would be required to remove the building and clear the lot. The Director of Public Works reported that Mr. Bill Ward said there would be no problem of getting the building off the lot in exchange for the material, and it was recommended not to sell the building for the \$60.00. Councilman Long moved to reject the bid of \$60.00 on the Cameron Road property. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Councilman LaRue moved that MRS. VOLMA OVERTON be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Long. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MRS. VOLMA OVERTON read a statement in the absence of Mr. Overton, who is the President of the N.A.A.C.P., stating for the past two months, the N.A.A.C.P. had been bringing to the Council's attention their grievance as a people being discriminated against, and they were in a mood to wait no longer, at least not to wait patiently and silently and inactively. They had not been impressed with the reluctance and request for voluntary action, nor had they approved of the Council's tying their freedom to the time table of Washington. Refusal to get seven men for a commission was an indication that there was not a desire to solve this problem. Mrs. Overton continued reading the statement that in a few days the President of the United States would sign into law a bill covering many of these areas. With or without a commission, the N.A.A.C.P. pledges to test all areas covered by this bill starting the day it becomes law. The N.A.A.C.P. believes that Austin needs an ordinance to cover the many areas not covered by this bill and will continue to seek its passage. Austin must not be a city of onlookers,

nor remain silent. Not merely the Negro but all the citizens. Not for the sake of the Negro, but for the sake of the image, the President, the idea and aspiration of America. The group accompanying Mrs. Overton left the Council Room singing "We Shall Overcome".

Councilman Shanks stated the Council must have some dignity in this Council Room, and as a result of this outbreak here this morning, he submitted for consideration an ordinance and stated it looked as though something like this was going to be needed, and he wanted the Council to consider the passage of this ordinance. He then read the ordinance prohibiting willful interference with the orderly conduct of meetings of the City Council. He said there was dignity in other legislative bodies, the Senate, District Courts, etc., and if it is necessary to pass a law to maintain the dignity in the Council, then a law must be passed, and he stated in view of the demonstration, that the passage of this ordinance be considered, so that by law the dignity of the Council may be maintained and he submitted the ordinance to the Council for its consideration. The Mayor asked that copies be furnished the Council Members. Councilman Long stated anything in the nature of an ordinance would have to be studied and looked into and decided whether or not it is something the Council wanted to pass. She said Austin had always been a very tolerant City, and there had always been informal meetings which seemed to have gone along smoothly, and she did not think at the present that the Council had deterred in its deliberation. She stated this should be considered very carefully before starting infringing upon the liberties of any citizen. Councilman Shanks stated people could demonstrate anywhere they wanted to, but he did not think this Council Room was any place for demonstrations; and if there were any more, he would move the passage of the ordinance.

Councilman Long moved that MR. C. T. JOHNSON be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. JOHNSON was concerned about the high price on land in Austin, and about the buying of land at that price. He discussed the matter of land for Brackenridge Hospital, and pointed out 12 acres of City owned land in the Capital Plaza Area. He noted the City was contemplating spending \$1,000,000 for land in the vicinity of Brackenridge Hospital, and pointed out land had been selling for \$3.00 a square foot, and the Silberstein's property sold for \$1.70 - \$1.95 a square foot. The City Manager replied the City had purchased property from him at far less than that. Mr. Johnson anticipated the City's paying \$213,168 for each block of land it purchased around the Hospital. If six blocks were purchased less than 12 acres of land would be purchased for \$1,278,008, assuming it could purchase the land at \$3.00 a square foot. He suggested the City consider its 12 acre tract in the Capital Plaza Area for building a hospital for taking care of paying patients. He thought perhaps a property owner in this area would bequeath part of his property to the City for a hospital. Others would give a room or bed in memory of someone once the hospital was started. The present Hospital could remain as a charity hospital. The Mayor stated when all of the hospitals joined in on this survey of the health and hospital needs, and the consultant was selected, all of these things were considered in line with the best location; but it was the consensus of opinion and recommendation of the Survey Firm that with the present investment in Brackenridge the proper place for the Hospital would be in its present location. He said they had tried to get the best expert advice possible. The City Manager said there was only one reason

the City would own a hospital at all and that was to provide care for the indigent. Provisions are also made to care for private patients so that the Hospital could try to operate on a more efficient basis with volume, and the Hospital should be located near the area where the indigent live. Councilman Long pointed out this group of experts, after six months of study, came up with the conclusion if the City wanted to enlarge the Hospital now and keep up with the needs and keep the cost down it should go the route of using Brackenridge and buying land in the area. The Doctors, the Hospital, the Community Council, and large committees had studied this, and the majority felt Brackenridge should stay where it is. The Mayor stated these things had been gone into several times. He thanked Mr. Johnson for his interest.

Councilman LaRue moved that MRS. GEORGE FRANCISCO be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Long. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MRS. FRANCISCO pointed out the Hospital was built on a site which belongs to the State, and the buildings to the City and the City could not sell it. She said there was nothing wrong with the Hospital.

Councilman Long moved that MR. HUB BECHTOL be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. BECHTOL stated they were building a parking garage west of Western Republic Building, at 200 West 7th Street and in order to utilize as much land as possible they were installing an automatic gate with a card unit system similar to that at the parking lot at Brackenridge. They wanted to put the card unit on the curb, and the treadle on the gutter line. He showed a drawing of the plan. Councilman Long inquired about liability in this case. The Mayor stated this would be in the gutter and the City would have to be protected. Mr. Bechtol stated the touch plate would be flush installation. He said they had agreed with the Building Official's request to put a flashing buzzer light at each entrance. The City Manager recommended that it would be well to have insurance protection, should the installation get out of repair. He inquired if this would result in traffic being backed into the street. Mr. Bechtol stated it would not any more than if the installation were put inside the parking line. After discussion Councilman LaRue moved the request be granted subject to the City's being properly protected. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman LaRue moved that MR. BOW WILLIAMS, be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Long. Roll call showed a unanimous vote.

MR. BOW WILLIAMS stated he could not understand why there could not be a HOUSTON CHRONICAL on the desk in the Reception Room at the City Manager's Office instead of always having the Dallas News. Councilman Long moved that

subscription be made for the Chronical along with the Dallas News and American Statesman for references to what other cities are doing. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Mr. Bow Williams stated years ago people could come before the Council without having to be voted on, and now with Mr. Shanks' ordinance, in the future, if the power structure kept control over the City, that it would be having secret meetings or executive sessions. He said he believed the City Council should be open at all times.

The City Manager submitted the recommendation of the Town Lake Committee that the areas along the shores of the Lake be named, and suggested some names in keeping with their particular areas and designating the area.

North Side (beginning at the east and going west)

Holly Beach	- Longhorn Crossing Dam to Power Plant
Festival Beach	- Power Plant to Interregional Bridge
Waller Beach	- Interregional Bridge to Congress Avenue Bridge
Shoal Beach	- Congress Avenue Bridge to Lamar Bridge
Lamar Beach	- Lamar Bridge to Deep Eddy

South Side (beginning at the west and going east)

Butler Civic	
Center West	- Barton Creek to Lamar Bridge
Auditorium Shores	- Lamar Bridge to Drake Bridge
Longhorn Crossing Shores	- East End Scottish Rite Property to Longhorn Crossing Dam.

The City Manager stated there might be some question about the one listed as Shoal Beach between Congress Avenue and Lamar Bridge, as from Congress Avenue west to Shoal Creek there is a small strip of publicly owned land on the north bank of the river that is called LAMAR PARK. Then consideration would have to be on whether or not to name the area just to the west of it Lamar Beach. One area particularly is of concern, and that is the area recommended "Festival Beach". Later in the meeting MR. DAVE BARROW, Chairman of the Town Lake Committee, appeared before the Council stating these names were suggestions only; and it would be beneficial to all to know what each particular area along the lake is called. The Aqua Festival Officials think it would be of benefit in putting out their publicity. The Mayor stated the Council would give this some checking and thought.

The City Manager had a recommendation from the Hospital Board urging the Council to take action in the selection of an Architect for Brackenridge Hospital Expansion.

The City Manager reported the Aqua Festival would like to make use of the Town Lake for a press reception on July 9th from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Press representatives from 100 miles around Austin are invited to be present. The reception will be at the Gondolier Hotel and there will be a two or three hour show on Town Lake, giving the press a preview of the Aqua Festival. There will be ski kite flying and other events. Councilman Shanks moved that the request be granted subject to clearance with Mr. Howard. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

Along with the Aqua Festival, Councilman Long suggested that the Director of Electric Utilities design some permanent lights for the bridge across the river rather than have those temporary lights so that they could be there year around. The City Manager said they have some alternate designs. The Mayor stated Mrs. Fagan Dickson was going to explore several types of lighting and recommend to the Council. Councilman Shanks favored getting something permanent instead of having the lights strung as they have been in the past. The City Manager explained in arranging these lights, they would have to be put in an inaccessible place to prevent theft.

Mayor Palmer asked if the big transmission line that ties the two Power Plants together, could be in any way used to place any type of flood lights to illuminate the river. The City Manager stated they had thought about putting brackets on them and having lights as those on Congress Avenue. The Mayor asked that this be investigated along with the bridge lighting.

Councilman Shanks moved that permission for the BEN HUR SHRINE CIRCUS PARADE, Tuesday, October 27, 4:00 P.M. from the Capitol to the Coliseum be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

The Director of Public Works stated he had a request from Mr. Jim Novy, property owner on the Southern Pacific Railroad, for a spur track leaving the Llano Branch of the H&TC north of East 54th Street coming up Martin Avenue and serving a block of land bounded by 54th, 53rd, Martin Avenue and Evans. The property is zoned "C" Commercial. He wants to construct a commercial building, he will need this spur to serve it. The Council wanted to go look at this location. Later in the meeting, Councilman Long moved to deny this specific request for a spur track. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman LaRue stated Mr. Novy might have an alternate plan that the Council would look at again.

After reviewing the recommendation from the Town Lake Study Committee that the following requests for construction on Town Lake be approved, the Council considered each application and voted approval as follows:

JACK RYAN-MILTON CLAPP APARTMENTS

The Building Official displayed the plot plan stating the Town Lake Committee had approved the general plan as submitted. There will be some fill to be done. The City Manager stated this was on the Maufrais property on the south side of the river. Two of the buildings will be 10 stories high and one 12 stories, and all three will be elevated above the ground for parking under the building. There will be a total of 336 apartments in the three buildings. Application for change of zoning has been filed for "GR" 4th Height and Area and "C-1". The developers would like Council approval on the general plan as submitted.

Councilman Shanks moved that the Council approve the site plan subject to the other regulations. 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

LAHALA HOUSE

The Building Official had received a request for a sign to be placed on Riverside Drive and the entrance to the Lahala House property. The sign is to be a plastic oval with electric interior lighting and will be about 16' high, the oval being 8' wide.

Councilman Shanks moved that the Council sustain the recommendation of the Town Lake Committee and approve the request. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

TOWN LAKE APARTMENTS BOAT DOCK

The recommendation of the Town Lake Committee was that permission be granted for the construction of a boat dock which should not exceed, at its maximum point, extending more than six feet from the shoreline with the maximum length being 60' and that the dock is to be built on piers or piling, not less than eight inches in diameter,

that two inch nominal decking, or better, shall be used, and that final plans and details must be worked out by the City Building Inspector's Office.

After discussion, Councilman Long moved that the Council grant permission as outlined by the Town Lake Committee. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Long brought up a matter regarding the garbage collection fee, stating in the University area, particularly during the summer, there are a lot of people who have apartment houses that are two-thirds or more than that vacant and those people still have to pay the \$1.25 monthly garbage fee, although there is no garbage to be handled, as no one is living in the apartments. MRS. EDNA STEVENSON has four vacant apartments yet she is paying \$1.25 a month for each of those apartments that she has been unable to rent since June. Councilman Long asked if there were any way that this charge could be adjusted for these people who are in this situation. She did not think the charge should be made unless the service was rendered. The City Manager explained the service was a \$15.00 a year service broken down into 12 payments. Automatically if utilities are disconnected at a place, the charge is discontinued. Councilman Long suggested that a property owner could report it when the apartment becomes vacant. The Mayor stated this was a real problem. Mrs. Stevenson leaves the utilities on to show the apartment, and she may rent one, and another may be vacant two weeks and another two months. Councilman Shanks said this could be studied and there might be something that could be worked out. Councilman Long stated she would try to bring up some kind of an answer that would be workable and asked that anybody who had any suggestions to bring them to her; and that a public announcement be made in the newspaper, as she would like to have some suggestions.

Councilman Long submitted another matter concerning possible control of private swimming pools, as to governing the construction, outlets, and safety. A study of an ordinance should be considered and they suggested obtaining other cities' ordinances to see what they were doing, and perhaps Austin could find one that would fit here perfectly. She stated people were putting in these small wading pools, and she did not know if there were any sanitary treatments for these or not, and they may be a nuisance. She suggested looking into one of the ordinances and seeing what they called for and considering whether or not Austin should have such an ordinance for safety purposes, sanitation, and proper drainage.

The Council recessed until 2:30 P.M.

RECESSED MEETING

2:30 P.M.

At 2:30 P.M. the Council resumed its business.

The Mayor stated the Council had agreed to ask the Director of Planning to contact MR. VILLASENOR and tell him the Council was unanimous in its opinion that his proposed zoning would be bad zoning and that the Council would permit him to withdraw his application on the following:

CHARLES VILLASENOR

Tract 1

1214 Vargas Road
6506-6510 Porter St.

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

Tract 2

Rear of 1214 Vargas Road
6508-6510 Porter Street

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

MAYOR PALMER requested that the City Attorney be asked at the earliest possible moment to secure a copy of the final Civil Rights legislation that will go into effect Saturday, and to brief the Council at the earliest possible moment on the effects of the bill and how the Commissions fit in, etc. Councilman Long observed that the public accommodations section had not been changed, and it set out the provision that the City Councils, and local or state agencies, if they passed ordinances that covered these matters and set up commissions to administer them, would have 30 days on the Human Relations Commission--possibly up to 120 days and she asked if the Commissions should not be appointed. The Mayor stated he had been working on this every since the other Commission had been appointed. Councilman Long suggested going into Executive Session and appointing the other six people.

Councilman Long moved that MRS. JOHN BARROW be heard. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaRue. Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Present but not voting: Councilman White

MRS. BARROW suggested that the Human Rights Commission be appointed and be briefed on the Civil Rights Bill the same time the City Attorney reports to the Council. The Mayor stated some people would like to know what the law is before they accepted membership on the Commission, and he thought there would be no loss in time. Councilman Shanks asked if Mrs. Barrow thought there would be any complaints. Mrs. Barrow said there would be things to be worked out; that there would not have been these demonstrations had there been a Commission appointed. Councilman LaRue noted there were indications, Commission or not, that the group would continue to come to the Council until a law with teeth was passed. Mrs. Barrow stated they would compromise if there was a group to whom they could go. Mayor Palmer stated the Council would keep working on this matter, after it is advised about the provisions of the Bill.

The City Manager discussed Capital Improvements and plans for financing them, displaying Capital Improvement Plan No. 10 and describing projects which are needed in the City. From the listing of the projects in the Revised Plan, which is not in final form, there are needed projects amounting to \$46,000,000 not including utility projects. These are projects to be paid for by general obligation bonds or current funds. He explained the development of the Capital Improvement Plan as required by the Charter; and the way it is set up as being a basis for financial planning in the way of bond programs. He pointed out for the past 10 years there had been no change in the interest and sinking fund tax which is used to pay the interest and principle on the General Obligation Bonds, and it was assumed the people, if it is possible to finance the needs without raising taxes, would prefer to leave the tax rate as it is. He said they were trying to see how much of the \$46,000,000 could be paid for without raising taxes, and he distributed a schedule, CITY OF AUSTIN PROPOSED \$14,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1966-1970. The City Manager stated a balance in the amounts of receipts anticipated is being maintained and will meet and pay off the debt service requirement assuming the issuance of bonds as scheduled, in the Debt Service Schedule of the statement discussed. By the means explained in the schedule, the City Manager stated it was determined that without an increase in taxes, \$2,450,000 of already authorized bonds could be issued next year; and the following years through 1969-1970, from a \$14,000,000 authorization, \$2,800,000 each year could be issued.

Discussed was a schedule showing Net General Obligation Debt as of October 1, 1964 of \$27,192,000, which is a ratio of 4.8% of the tax evaluations. In 1970, the ratio will be 4.57% of the tax evaluation. Councilman LaRue inquired how this ratio compared to other cities, and the Mayor read figures of Amarillo, Fort Worth and Houston making comparisons.

The City Manager reviewed the SCHEDULE AUTHORIZED AND PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION. A review was made of bond authorizations from 1946 to 1960 when an Election was held for \$60,000,000 the largest bond issue ever passed in any city in the State of Texas at that time. Councilman Long stated one and a half million dollars was not enough for Parks and Recreation until 1970, and that would have to be stepped up, perhaps putting out two issues one increasing the tax. The City Manager listed the bonds to be issued in 1964-1965 before going into the new authorizations. He showed the suggested break-down on the proposed \$14,000,000 authorization as follows:

Hospital	\$3,500,000
Fire Stations	750,000
Parks and Recreation	1,500,000
Streets, Bridges and	
Culverts	<u>8,250,000</u>
	\$14,000,000

Then he showed the amount of money that could be made available each year for each of those purposes.

The schedule on PROPOSED BOND PROGRAM - GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS was distributed and discussed and the City Manager explained the \$590,000 of unexpended Parks and Recreation monies had been planned to be used between now and 1970 in addition to the \$1,500,000 of new bonds, which would be \$2,090,000. Councilman Long asked if this \$590,000 were available why couldn't the schedule on the South

Austin Swimming Pool be advanced. The City Manager explained the plan for the use of this money had been approved by the Council before it went to the voters and documents listing items to be done in the previous bond issue had been handed out to the people. Councilman Shanks stated on two occasions the South Austin group had been told when the swimming pool would be scheduled. The City Manager stated it was not scheduled in this present bond money. Councilman White also made inquiry about the swimming pool as to when it was to be constructed.

The City Manager discussed the expenditures at the Hospital, stating it was hoped the work that was supposed to be done at the hospital between now and 1970 could be divided into more than one project, which would result in spending a part of the money each year instead of paying it all out in one or two years. There will be \$275,000 available now, plus the proposed \$3,500,000 totalling \$3,775,000 between now and 1970. He stated other funds might be available. The \$3,500,000 would be distributed in the five year period at \$700,000 per year; however, some adjustments could be made, so that the total amount sold for the year would be same as scheduled.

The Council discussed the FIRE DEPARTMENT BOND PROGRAM. The Mayor noted geographically, to cover the City to provide the required number of stations, this schedule would meet those provisions. Relocation and construction of the Fire Department Maintenance Shop, and relocation and construction of training facilities are not included in the Bond Program as it is anticipated to sell the North Austin Fire Hall on Guadalupe, north of 30th Street, and funds from that sale could be used for the new maintenance shop. The other item might be accomplished through current funds throughout the years.

Schedule BOND PROGRAM FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS INCLUDING TOWN LAKE IMPROVEMENTS was discussed, and the City Manager stated the items listed were those that needed to be done with the new bond authority. He noted, in answer to Councilmen Long's and White's inquiries in 1965-1966 there was \$200,000 for the Southwest District Park Swimming Pool. Councilman White inquired about the park road, water system and picnic area at Southwest District Park, and how that was going to be financed, if there was \$200,000 only for the swimming pool. The Recreation Director stated this would all be tied into an overall plan with the Schools, and some plans had been developed, and he would show these to the Council. There is another \$50,000 earmarked for 1969-1970. He said they had hoped to have a year around operation with an in door and out door pool, which would be a great service to the public. This amount of money would not complete the park, but there would be a swimming pool. Councilman White wanted to get with him and go over these plans in detail. Councilman Long stated there would be no incentive to have an indoor pool if it were not going to be available to the general public. She said if it were to be a teaching station and used for tournaments and if only the school would get to use it, it would be better to have an out door pool and let everyone enjoy it. The Recreation Director stated on weekends and other hours the Recreation Department would operate it for the general public. He thought it would be the best facilities for all of the people for all year around operation. Councilman Shanks stated the people who use that swimming pool would have more use of a swimming pool than any other part of town would have use of a swimming pool. Councilman LaRue stated with this type of pool, there would be school participation. The Recreation Director stated this was something to be worked out.

Discussion covered development at Ramsey Park, with respects to a covered pool. The Recreation Director stated there were some people interested in this indoor-outdoor pool arrangement, and there may be private money that may enter into the picture. Councilman Long did not believe the area would accommodate parking year around. Councilman Long inquired if it were still proposed to buy additional land on Town Lake. The City Manager stated the plan which the Council approved includes the purchases of several hundred thousands of dollars of land that has not been bought. The plan calls for land from the river to Lake Austin Boulevard and from Deep Eddy east. Councilman Long stated it was only recommended in the overall plan, and there was not a commitment to purchase a land before property already owned was developed. The City Manager stated if land is to be purchased, now is the time before improvements are put on it. Councilman Long stated to put purchases before development would be a mistake. Councilman Shanks stated this plan looked like a balanced one, that the proposal was not to buy all land that was needed, but the property that was needed most urgently. The City Manager stated about 10 or 15% of the money would go for land purchases. Mayor Palmer said the finest purchases made were some particular tracts on Town Lake, before it was developed. The Recreation Director stated land was very essential in the next few years, and that was their key note. Councilman White stated if land is going to be needed in the next two or three years it would be a good deal to purchase it now, as it is going to be higher three years from now than it is, and money could be saved by buying it now. Councilman Long was not ready to buy up property along Deep Eddy and neglect the Town Lake frontage up and down the lake at the present. Councilman LaRue stated this had to be a balanced program. The City Manager stated it was his opinion that land must be provided now for the future of Austin.

Councilman Shanks brought up for discussion the Camp Mabry Golf Course. It was stated this was listed as \$450,000 and included in the period beyond 1970. Councilman Shanks stated Austin was far behind in the golf course program and suggested perhaps one of the Athletic Clubs could be included on this. Councilman Shanks pointed out the importance of a fine golf course, as the expenditures would be recouped on a golf course which at this location would be a show spot.

Councilman Long thought the development program was weak, and she did not see much in additions. The City Manager pointed out for consideration that one type of recreational development requires playground leaders, and that is an increase in the operating budget. A lot of these developments include this, as there will be supervised recreation in a number of areas that do not have it now; and this supervised recreation seems to be the most popular part of the Recreation Program. Although the individual items seem small, when the supervision is added, the overall expense to the public is considerable. Councilman LaRue noted the allocation for the Recreation for this five year period was 50% more than it was during the last period. The Mayor stated besides the one and a half million, there would be an additional \$590,000 earmarked for Recreation.

The City Manager then discussed the Public Works Program, noting the street paving program diminishes each year, as the point has been reached where the program is declining in volume. Most of the paving that is done now will be on streets where there is a public need, and where there have not been petitions from the property owners. The program includes widening of certain streets; two grade separations over Lamar at 15th and 24th Streets, and \$3,300,000 for structures and development for part of the Missouri Pacific Boulevard. He believed this would finish the construction from 5th to 35th Streets. Included in the \$3,300,000 are some land purchases, from Memorial Park north and turnouts and

encroachments on the right of way. The City Manager distributed a list of projects not included in the five year period, including a new City Hall, expansion of Police and Courts Building, etc., totalling \$29,720.00. A list of Department of Public Works projects having expenditures after 1970 was distributed to the Council. Councilman Long noted there was not a Psychiatric Hospital set up in the schedule. The City Manager stated the \$3,775,000 considered in the plan, is not earmarked for special projects yet, as there is not definite plan for proceeding, and it may be that a Psychiatric Division would be included.

The City Manager stated in most cases, the present bond authority would be exhausted in the next sale; and should a slight adjustment be made in the amount sold even next January, something else could be reduced; but that would be weighed at the time. He suggested in order to give more flexibility for planning and for execution of plans in the future it would be necessary to move out for a proposal for new bonds in the immediate future and the proposal of issuance of bonds should be submitted to the people the latter part of August. Councilman LaRue stated this would involve no increase in taxes. The City Manager stated none whatsoever. He suggested asking those who are accustomed to working with municipal bonds, bankers in particular, to review the proposal and get their idea of the soundness of the approach. Councilman Long suggested appointing a Committee of about 100 prominent citizens to review this and study it, and come in and recommend it. The City Manager stated a group of bankers in the past came in and reviewed it, and there was a committee that raised some money for promotion. The Mayor stated if the Council were solidified on this as its program for the next five years then a special meeting with officials of the banks and Chamber of Commerce should be held showing them how these projects, requested by the citizens of Austin are to be financed without any increase in the debt requirement and then select some fine people to go to Civic Organizations, Schools, etc., and present this. The City Manager pointed out with regard to the "AA" rating, that he believed this issue would not affect it because there is a lower ratio of debt to valuations; and that it had been developed by past operations that the type of schedule developed could be developed and levied without increasing the tax rate. Councilman LaRue stated a statement from the bond consultants and bankers would affirm this as far as the experts were concerned. Mayor Palmer pointed out the general rule was that the bonded indebtedness should not exceed 10% and Austin has stayed below 10% and that was one of the factors why it is "AA" rated. Councilman LaRue inquired about the safety factors. The City Manager explained the estimates on future evaluations were conservative, and the collections are estimated at 95% while they run better than 97%. Should there be a very serious slump in expansion of the City, the annual issues would be decreased. The proposal is based on what could be done if the growth is as anticipated. Mayor Palmer pointed out in the utility bond authorization in the last five years, that based on cost of construction, generators, etc., two units were planned out of that issue; but through good engineering, buying, and investing out of current funds, the City would get three units at least out of that authority instead of two, and the Revenue authorization will now carry on through another year or two. Councilman LaRue inquired about an alternate proposition, if some wanted a project moved up that it might be done with the thought kept in mind there might be a tax increase. The City Manager recommended against an alternate proposal, as there would be problems arising; and suggested such a route would most easily be presented in a separate election. In discussing the promotion of the issue, the Planning Director suggested bringing in the various City Boards interested in the development-- Planning Commission, Town Lake Committee, Hospital Board, Recreation Board and review this with all of the Boards. Councilman Long stated it

should be submitted to the people whether or not they want to have a tax for a tourism program either in this election or a separate one.

Councilman LaRue moved that the City Manager be authorized to purchase Lots 53 and 54, Outlot 41, Division B, (two lots and two houses) for an amount not to exceed \$15,000. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

The Council adjourned at 5:00 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Lynton E. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elis A. Masley
City Clerk