

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

July 13, 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

Mayor Palmer announced this was a Special Meeting of the City Council called for the purpose of calling an Election for authorization of \$14,000,000 Bonds, and setting a hearing on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to carports at 11:00 A.M., July 30, 1964.

Mayor Palmer stated the Council had discussed this Bond issue with the Bankers from the feasibility standpoint, and they had given their wholehearted endorsement. The issue had been discussed with the Planning Commission and they were enthusiastic about the program and endorsed it. The City Council through the City Manager and Planning Commission, maintains a Capital Improvement Program built up by requests of Citizens and City Officers that recognize the needs of the City. The Mayor stated the Council was here now to discuss the next five year plan as the Council had gone into this proposal item by item, and he would like for any Council Member to make any comment before this Bond Program is adopted as the Council's Program.

Councilman Long wanted to see a Committee appointed this morning to become familiar with the program and to tell the people more about it so they would be informed on what they are voting for when the Election rolls around.

Councilman Shanks said this was an excellent idea, as when the people understood what was being presented, they would have the same attitude that he had, that this bond issue was the best and most concrete proposal that he could back 100% since he had been on the Council. He stated he hoped the news media would have ample coverage that the \$14,000,000 would not require one penny tax increase.

Councilman White said he had seen quite a few bond issues, and he would like to say on this one that there would be no trouble in getting this over. He commended MR. BILL WILLIAMS, City Manager, and his Department Heads in working out this 5 year plan and for having a bond issue that is not any higher than it

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is. He stated when the paper, radio and TV get the program to the people, he believed it would be voted far more than two to one, and he was for the issue.

Councilman LaRue stated this was an excellent program, and he thought they should get started as quickly as possible to get the information to the public.

Councilman White moved that the \$14,000,000 Bond Program be adopted by the Council, and that the Election be called for August 22, 1964. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

MAYOR PALMER started plans for appointing a Committee to present this program to all of the major organizations; women's organizations, civic groups, schools, etc., and asked the Council to be thinking of Chairmen for the women's group and men's group. Councilman Long suggested going into executive session and getting started; and by next Thursday, it would take only a short time to complete the appointments.

The Council agreed to set a public hearing on an amendment to the zoning text pertaining to carports at 11:00 A.M., July 30, 1964.

The Council then went into Executive Session.

APPROVED

Lester E. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elsie Massey
City Clerk