

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin will be held on the 31st day of May, 1955, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado, in Austin, Texas, at 2:30 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. for the purpose of meeting with the City Plan Commission and Parks and Recreation Board, respectively, and for the purpose of making appointments to the Board of Equalization.

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley  
City Clerk

(Sgd) Tom Miller  
Mayor  
City of Austin, Texas

ATTEST:

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley  
City Clerk

## CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice, waiving any and all irregularities in such service and such notice, and consent and agree that said City Council shall meet at the time and place therein named, and for the purpose therein stated.

(Sgd) Wesley Pearson

(Sgd) Ben White

(Sgd) Mrs. Stuart Long

(Sgd) Lester E. Palmer

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

May 31, 1955  
2:30 P.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

## Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Absent: None

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

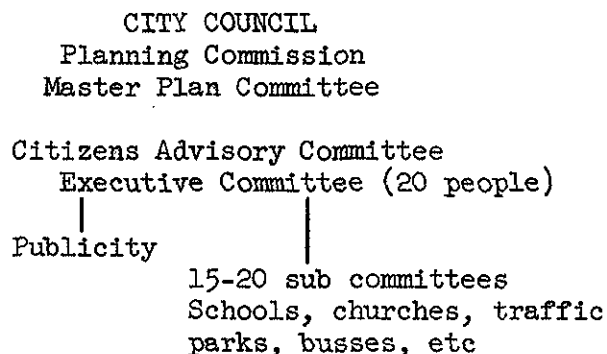
Present also: Mr. Hugo Kuehne, Mrs. Chas. F. Mitchell, Mr. S. P. Kinser, Mr. David Barrow, Mr. Charles Burton, Members of the City Plan Commission

The Mayor announced that this meeting was called for the purpose of meeting with the City Plan Commission.

MR. KUEHNE listed three major committees in the Plan Commission:

- (1) Master Plan, Mrs. Mitchell, Chairman;
- (2) Zoning, Mr. Hibbetts, Chairman;
- (3) Subdivision, Mr. Johnson, Chairman.

MRS. MITCHELL outlined the Commission's plan for handling the Master Plan and getting it out to the people through a Citizens Advisory Committee to be appointed by the Council. It was suggested that about 130 citizens be appointed. The organization chart was set up as follows:



Councilman Pearson inquired if the work of the members of the Plan Commission were going to become so heavy that it would be more than they could do. MRS. MITCHELL explained that the Executive Committee would take over quite a bit of responsibility for the public speakers bureau and public relations group.

The Mayor inquired of amount of funds devoted to the City Plan Personnel, to the Consulting firm, and miscellaneous. He then figured the amount of money that would be produced from \$1,000,000 assessed valuation and the number of millions of assessed valuations necessary to take care of the Master Plan. He stated the Council was trying to keep the tax rate down. He went over the Statements of estimated Receipts, Disbursements and Balances for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1955, both from the General Obligation Bond Funds and the Utility Revenue Bond Fund. He stated he wanted all to understand the financial limitations.

MR. CHARLES BURTON urged careful selection of the Committee--people who were vitally interested and willing to devote much time to the work. He called attention to the heavy load the Plan Commission was carrying. He suggested a Charter amendment to enlarge the Commission to 15, permitting five members to serve on the Master Plan Committee; five on the Zoning and five on the Subdivision committees. The members now serve on two committees.

MR. DAVID BARROW asked if the plan submitted by Mrs. Mitchell on the organization for publicizing the Master Plan met with the approval of the Council. Councilman Long moved that the plan as outlined by Mrs. Mitchell, Chairman of the Master Plan Committee, be adopted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None

MR. BARROW stated that during the past five months, each application for change of zoning that had been denied by the Plan Commission had been granted by the Council, which was the Council's right, but he suggested that in those cases where the application denied is appealed to the Council that some presentation be made to the Council of the conditions which activated the Plan Commission in arriving at its decision--not to argue the case, but to set out the reasons for denying the application. It was stated the Council members received the recommendations and studied them, and that in most of the cases, the recommendations were upheld about 85 or 90%; that the Council made personal inspections of the areas.

There being no further business the Council adjourned until 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED

*Tom Miller*  
Mayor

ATTEST:

*Chas. Hossley*  
City Clerk