

## 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 25th day of September, 1956, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado, in Austin, Texas, at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the Budget, adopting the Budget; and authorizing issuance of refunding bonds.

(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) Emma Long

(Sgd) Lester E. Palmer

(Sgd) Ben White

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

September 25, 1956  
10:30 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF TRAVIS :

CITY OF AUSTIN :

ON THIS the 25th day of September, 1956, the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, convened in SPECIAL SESSION at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall. The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Miller presiding. The roll was called showing the following:

Present: Tom Miller, Mayor, Lester E. Palmer, Councilman, Wesley Pearson, Councilman, Ben White, Councilman, Emma Long, Councilman  
Absent: None

The following ORDINANCE was introduced by Mayor Miller.

AN ORDINANCE

BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF AUSTIN PARK AND PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES OF 1956, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CANCELING, REFUNDING AND IN LIEU OF A LIKE AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS OF SAID CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE BONDS AND INTEREST COUPONS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS' VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AT MATURITY; ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public hearing was held on the Budget. The Mayor stated this was the maximum budget, and it was contemplated to take care of any eventuality; and that the extra personnel called for would be added slowly.

MRS. SHUTTS, President of League of Women's Voters, expressed interest in the budget of the Planning Department and that of the Master plan. The Mayor went over the Planning Budget and it was discussed. MR. EDWARD CLARK was present, but made no comment in the hearing; also MRS. CLAUDE HILL. MR. McKOWN stated he was in favor of passing this budget as submitted. After discussion, Councilman White moved that the public hearing on the Budget be closed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote;

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

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1956,  
AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957, AND MAKING  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT AND  
ACCOUNT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Pearson moved that the City Manager and Finance Director be authorized to refund to the Firemen the Social Security deductions that were paid in by the firemen, but not including the police officers who still want to keep their pensions in the Social Security Trust Fund; and with the understanding that that portion put up to match the firemen's deductions will be returned to the General Fund. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

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

MR. WALTER KOCH brought up a problem of his client who owns property on South Congress, one and one-half block beyond the city limits. There is only one water meter there that served a store building and three apartments, the apartments occupied by a family. The Client now has rented the building to a Washateria. The matter was referred to the City Manager to work out to see if the area wanted to be annexed, or if this could be covered under the short-subdivision plan, or if something could be worked out after it was looked into and all the details gone over.

There being no further business the Council adjourned at 12:00 Noon subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Tom Miller  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elaine Hovsley  
City Clerk

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

BUDGET

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1957

OCTOBER 1, 1956 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1957

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SECTION I

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

August 27, 1956

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Austin, Texas

In compliance with Article VII, Section 6 of the Austin City Charter, and the Budget Law of the State of Texas, we submit herewith for your consideration a tentative draft of the proposed budget of the City of Austin for the twelve month period beginning October 1, 1956 and ending September 30, 1957. So that you might have opportunity to make comparison of figures, the budget Statements of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Balances, pp 10 and 93, contain three columns covering the years 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57.

GENERAL FUNDREVENUES  
(pp 11-12)

These pages show a detailed breakdown of General Fund Resources. It is proposed that the 1955 general fund tax rate of 62¢ be continued in effect for the year 1956, and our estimates of property tax revenue are based upon that rate. Increased fees, fines and charges for services and an increased transfer of utility funds will meet the increases in operating costs including the salary increases which have been proposed.

The total resources of the General Fund for the next year is estimated at \$1,852,000.

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EXPENDITURES

The proposed General Fund Budget for the year 1956-57 contemplates a total expenditure of \$8,821,335, which is approximately \$700,000 more than the estimated expenditures for the current year. The largest contributing factor to the increase over the estimate for the current year is the pay increase provided for employees. An increase in the number of firemen and policemen during the next year will result in a further increase in the operating costs of the Fire and Police Departments. The increase in services and activities of the Library and Recreation Departments have materially increased their operating costs for next year over the amount budgeted for this year. The increases proposed in other departments are not of major proportions.

Public Safety  
(pp 29-35)

Because of the growth of the City 21 new policemen are proposed. It is anticipated that they will not be recruited until the last six months of the fiscal year. Hence \$37,000 will provide the additional funds required for them. To man the new fire station in North Austin and the expanded South Congress Avenue station, 28 firemen will be required for the greater part of the year, and \$63,000 has been allocated for their salaries.

Recreation  
(pp 73-82)

The opening of the Northwest Park and the new Pan American Center are the two major activities added to the new recreation budget. Proposed operating expenditures at Northwest Park amount to \$19,715 and the proposed expenditures at the new Pan American Center amount to \$28,320.

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Library  
(pp 83-85)

Increased circulation at the main library and the opening of two branches, one South Austin and one in Northwest Austin, have resulted in a need for more books and more personnel in this department. Provision for the additional books and for needed employees accounts for about \$53,000 of the proposed increase in library expenditures.

UTILITY FUND

REVENUES  
(pp 93-95)

Utility revenue for the new year is estimated at \$10,500,000, an increase of \$75,000 over the estimate of \$9,925,000 for the present year.

EXPENDITURES  
(pp 96-120)

The total operating and maintenance budget proposed for the new year is \$1,916,355. This includes the cost of additional fuel which will be required for generating electricity.

Utility Projects From Current Funds

A total of \$1,474,000 is proposed for improvements in the electrical system to be paid from current funds. This amount is in addition to the improvements to be made with revenue bond funds.

Most of the improvements and additions to the water system will be paid for with revenue bond funds. However, \$280,000 of additions will be paid for with current funds.

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The sewer system will spend \$55,000 from current funds on capital outlay, most of its expenditures being accounted for by revenue bond funds which total most \$1,500,000.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FROM BONDS

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

(p 122)

Our general obligation bond funds will enter the new year with net resources \$424,000. During the year 1956-57 it is proposed that we sell \$600,000 of Airport bonds, \$2,800,000 of Auditorium bonds, \$300,000 of Recreation bonds, 00,000 of Right-of-Way bonds, and \$850,000 of Street Improvement bonds.

#### Airport

The funds provided by the sale of the Airport bonds together with the balance carried forward and matching funds from the United States will finance Phase II of our Airport improvement program, consisting principally of acquisition of additional land, relocation of old Manor Road, and runway and taxiway extension and improvement. We now believe that Phase II can be completed with less than the funds which will be on hand during the year, and that some of the funds may be available for the construction of hangars.

#### Auditorium

Construction of the Auditorium should be well advanced by the end of the new year, and it is not possible to predict with accuracy the part of the total cost which must be expended during the year.

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Recreation

The principal projects proposed from Recreation bond funds are:

Further development of Northwest Park	\$67,000
Sand Beach Reserve Improvements	4,000
Indoor Rifle Range	7,500
Bathhouse at Rosewood Park	20,000
Purchase of Land for East Austin Park	30,000
Improvement of Caswell Tennis Courts	30,000
Partial development of Joslin Playground	10,000
Partial development of Civitan Playground	10,000
Partial development of Wooten Playground	10,000
Partial development of Simms Playground	5,000
Partial development of a Northeast Playground	10,000
Partial development of playground near Holy	
Cross Hospital	10,000

Rights-of-Way

It is anticipated that during the year, a part, if not all of the right-of-way for the south belt loop will be purchased, and rights-of-way for other projects may be required.

Street Improvements

The Street Improvement funds will be available for miscellaneous street paving, bridges, and storm sewer work, and for numerous specific projects.

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ese include:

Paving

Koenig Lane, Lamar to Airport Blvd.	\$24,500
Oltorf, Interregional to South Lamar	46,000
East Eleventh and Rosewood, Interregional to Springdale Road	43,600
North Loop, Burnet Road to North Lamar	12,000
South First Street, Elizabeth Street to Barton Springs Road	20,000
East 53rd Street, Avenue F to Airport Blvd.	7,500
Cameron Road, East 51st Street to Elgin Highway	20,700

Bridges and Culverts

Bridge Widening West 12th at Shoal Creek Blvd.	\$25,000
Bridge, Northland Drive at Shoal Creek	30,000
Culvert, East 12th at Tannehill Branch	10,000
Culvert, West Mary at East Bouldin Creek	19,500
Culvert, Rosewood Avenue at Tannehill Branch	20,000
Extension of Culvert, North Loop at Hancock Branch	18,000

orm Sewers

South Lamar Blvd., Kinney to Ann Arbor	\$24,600
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Grover, Justin to Rich Creek Road	\$40,000
Crestview Addition, Yates Avenue and Hardy Drive Easement	40,000
Thompson and Gunter across Airport Blvd. to Boggy Creek	61,000

REVENUE BOND FUNDS

(p 123)

Our revenue bond fund will enter the new year with net resources of 08,860. During the year 56-57 it is proposed that we sell \$1,850,000 of electric, \$1,550,000 of water, and \$1,250,000 of sewer bonds.

Electric Improvements

All but a very small part of the electric bond funds will be spent in the extension and improvement of the distribution system.

In addition to transmission and distribution extensions, provision has been made for the installation of 300 mastarm street lights in residential areas and 0 high intensity street lights for thoroughfare lighting. The sum of \$85,000 s also been set up for the installation of 20 traffic signals.

Water System Improvements

Some of the major water system projects proposed for the new year are:

Parker Lane and Oltorf Street Loop	\$175,000
38th Street and Airport Blvd. Main	110,000
Croslin Street, Delmar Street and Interregional Highway Main	119,000



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Balcones Trail and Mayfield Blvd. Main	\$185,000
North Austin Booster System Reservoir	260,000
Water Services and Meters	175,000

Sewer Utility Improvements

The \$208,860 of revenue bond funds carried over to the new year are sewer utility funds, and this amount together with the \$1,250,000 proposed to be sold during the new year will give us a total of \$1,458,860 available for sewer improvements. Some of the major projects include:

West Bouldin Creek area, South of Oltorf	\$100,000
Tannehill Branch, Main and Laterals	260,000
Enlargement of West Waller Creek Main, East 26th Street to West 49th Street	110,000
Enlargement of Johnson Creek Main, Colorado River to State School	140,000
Montopolis Area Main and Laterals	75,000
West Bouldin Creek, South First to Brodie	70,000
Miscellaneous Sewer Line Extensions	196,000
House Connections	120,000

INTEREST AND SINKING FUNDGeneral Obligation Bonds  
(p 125)

The total receipts and balances available to the Interest and Sinking Fund for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1956 will be \$2,019,680. During the

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r the city is committed to \$954,500 in principal payments and \$383,680 in interest ts. In addition it must be anticipated that another \$460,610 will be due January 1, 8. Thus after the above disbursements and reserve for January 1, 1958 requirements are deducted the fund will have a balance of \$218,715.

Revenue Bond and Interest Retirement Fund  
(p 133)

The total receipts and balances available for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 6 will be \$3,242,625, and during the year the City is committed to \$1,200,000 in principal payments and \$402,020 in interest costs. There will remain a balance of 640,605 for the required reserve of \$844,000, accrued principal of \$600,000, and accrued interest of \$196,605.

SUMMARY

While the reserves provided in this budget are small, we have been conservative in our estimates of revenue and expenditures, and we believe we can live with budget as presented. The authority voted by the people at the elections in May August for the issuance of revenue and general obligation bonds has made it possible for us to continue to develop our public facilities to meet the needs of our growing population. The Capital Improvements Program developed in accordance with the charter has aided greatly in the financial planning of public improvements the next few years and in the programming of projects for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. T. WILLIAMS, JR.  
City Manager