

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 26, 1956  
10:00 A.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 R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman White moved that the following ordinance be introduced and published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter:

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  
3.93 ACRES OF LAND OUT 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.

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

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

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
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 the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids on the sale of Bonds of the City of Austin at 10:00 A.M. January 31, 1957 as follows:

Municipal Airport General Obligation Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956 . . .	\$ 300,000.00
Parks and Playground General Obligation Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956 . . . . .	200,000.00
Rights-of-way General Obligation Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956 . . .	200,000.00
Streets, Bridges and Drainageway General Obligation Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956 . . . . .	<u>500,000.00</u>
Total . . . . .	\$1,200,000.00

Advertisements for such bids shall be in the usual and customary form and shall be published at least once in The Austin Statesman, Austin, Texas, and in The Bond Buyer, New York, New York, and in addition shall be given such circulation as will invite attention to the proposed sale. The right shall be reserved to the City of Austin to reject any and all bids, and advertisements shall direct the filing of sealed bids to be opened by the City Council at a regular meeting held for such purpose in the City Hall at the time and date hereinbefore set forth.

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

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Electric Light and Power System Revenue Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956	\$1,850,000.00
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Water Works System Revenue Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956	1,550,000.00
Sewer System Revenue Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956	<u>1,250,000.00</u>
Total	\$4,650,000.00

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

The Mayor brought up the matter of accepting the land on Exposition Boulevard south of Enfield Road, from the University for street purposes. Councilman White moved that the Council accept the dedication of the street from the State with appreciation, and that a letter be written to the University to that effect, and with the clause in it that we accept this with no obligation of the State to pay any part of the paving or sidewalks. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Miller stated the City must get the population figure signs brought up to date; that they are reading 168,000, and they should read 185,000. Councilman Pearson moved that the proper resolution be prepared necessary to declare the estimated population figure of the City of Austin, and to ask the Highway Department to change the signs accordingly. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

Regarding signs, Councilman Long asked that signs at the Elizabeth Ney Museum and other places be renewed where they could be read.

Mayor Miller asked that when the city limit boundaries were extended that the city limit signs be moved out also.

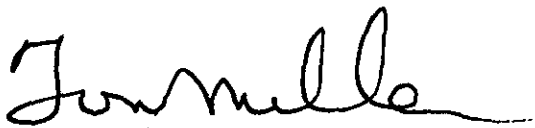
The Council held discussion on the destruction of the O. Henry Honeymoon Cottage which burned on December 23, 1956, 8:44 P.M. The Heritage Society had shown good faith in fixing it up--having fixed the foundation, repaired the chimneys with new brick, and had started reroofing the building. The City Manager stated an investigation was under way by the Fire Marshal, but no report had been completed yet. He stated there was a standing \$300.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person guilty of committing the crime of Arson within the City limits.

Mr. Blodgett asked the Council about the concessioner at the canteen in the City Hall; that the Blind Commission would like to staff the canteen, and it would be well to go ahead and make plans. The Mayor stated that it should be someone that would be satisfactory to the employees of the city; that he wanted to see the Blind people handle it if satisfactory. Councilman Long suggested putting the concession on a yearly basis, and Mr. Palmer suggested getting a concessioner that could make it a paying stand.

The Council stood in silence in memory of MR. WALTER E. SEAHOLM, and set aside a special page in the official records of the City, in memorium of him.


There being no further business the Council adjourned at 11:00 A.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED



Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

DIED, DECEMBER 22, 1956