



Austin City Council MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 1996

Mayor Todd called to order the meeting noting the presence of all the Council.

ORDINANCES

1. Approve first/second/third reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1996 and terminating September 30, 1997, and making appropriations for each department, project and account, including the errata.

Approved first reading as amended on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Mayor Todd's second, 4-2-1 vote, Councilmembers Reynolds and Slusher voting "NO", Councilmember Mitchell "ABSTAINING".

Approved amendment to General Fund for revenue increase for EMS fee of \$12,000 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 7-0 vote.

Approved amendment to General Fund for reduced transfer to Liability Reserve of \$500,000 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 5-2 vote, Mayor Todd and Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO".

Approved amendment to General Fund for Water/Wastewater transfer for \$212,839 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 7-0 vote.

Approved amendment to General Fund to increase beginning balance for 1995-96 revenue and departmental savings in an amount of \$1,788,134 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds's second, 7-0 vote.

Approved amendments to General Fund for: 1)reduce transfer to FQHC of \$1,547,000; 2) Police false alarm revenue increased by \$680,000; 3)Mixed drink tax revenue increased by \$78,000; and 4)Southern Union gas franchise fee for revenue increase by \$85,000; 5)reduce transfer to Vehicle Acquisition Fund by \$800,000 on Mayor Pro Tem Mayor Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 7-0 vote.

Approved amendment to General Fund of \$400,000 to eliminate Land Development Code rewrite on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 4-3 vote, Mayor Todd and

Councilmember Mitchell and Reynolds voting "NO".

Approved amendment to General Fund of expense items: 1)Police false alarm enhancement in an amount of \$100,000 and 2 FTEs; 2)increase transfer to Support Services Fund for Information Systems/PAD database administration for \$60,000; 3)increase Police overtime Social Security (FICA) for \$170,000; 4)increase transfer to Parks and Recreation. for Central City Entertainment in an amount of \$157,000; and 5)increase Library records management for \$50,000 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 7-0 vote.

Amendment to reduce the transfer by \$2,756,613 from the Electric Utility to the General Fund on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Mayor Todd's second, 3-2-2 vote, Councilmember Griffith and Mitchell voting "NO", Councilmember Reynolds and Slusher "ABSTAINING".

Substitute motion to set a plan to take down 1% per year and reduce transfer this year to \$1.6 million by Councilmember Reynolds, Councilmember Mitchell's second, 3-1-3 vote, Mayor Todd voting "NO", Councilmembers Goodman, Griffith and Slusher "ABSTAINING".

Approved amendment to reduce the transfer of \$2,756,613 from the Electric Utility to the General Fund on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 4-2-1 vote, Councilmember Griffith and Mitchell voting "NO", Councilmember Slusher "ABSTAINING".

Friendly amendment by Councilmember Mitchell to reduce General Fund transfer by \$2,756,613 and reduce conservation program by \$2,756,613; NOT ACCEPTED.

Motion to approve amendment to General Fund to add Police technology & equipment in an amount of \$650,000 and Police overtime and equipment for additional beats, DARE & Citizens Police Academy for \$600,000 by Councilmember Reynolds, Councilmember Goodman's second, not recognized by Mayor.

Approved amendment to General Fund for \$1,446,360 for Parks "social fabric" on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, with friendly amendment offered by Councilmember Goodman that performance measures as used in the CAN process be involved and Parks and HHSD submit reports on actual performance, 5-1-1 vote, Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO", Councilmember Reynolds "ABSTAINING".

Approved amendment to General Fund to add Police technology & equipment in an amount of \$650,000 and Police overtime and equipment for additional beats, DARE & Citizens Police Academy for \$600,000 by Councilmember Reynolds, Councilmember Goodman's second,

Request by Councilmember Griffith to sever items

Approved Police technology & equipment in an amount of \$650,000; 6-1 vote, Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO".

Approved Police overtime and equipment for additional beats, DARE & Citizens Police Academy for \$600,000; 6-1 vote, Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO".

Approved amendment to General Fund to transfer \$212,000 to Parks CIP for Stacy Pool conversion and increase taxes by .0004 on Councilmember Reynolds' motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 5-2 vote, Councilmember Mitchell and Slusher voting "NO".

Approved amendment to General Fund for Parks cultural contract staff funding in the amount of \$163,000 and increase taxes by .0006 on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second, 4-3 vote, Mayor Todd and Councilmember Mitchell and Reynolds voting "NO".

Approved amendments to General Fund for the Citizens' Planning Commission items: 1)Neighborhood Planning Initiative (PECS) for \$207,000 and 5 FTEs; 2)Sustainable Communities Initiative (PECS) for \$90,000 and 1 FTE; 3)Alternate Land Development Code (DRI) for \$280,000; 4)Neighborhood Association database (Mgt Svc) for \$10,000; 5)Long Range Planning (PECS) for \$172,000 and 4 FTEs; 6)Street Classification System (PECS) for \$38,000; 7)Collector Street System (PECS) for \$65,000; and 8)Cumulative Traffic Impact Assessment (PECS) for \$48,000; 9)Increase vacancy savings for PECS by \$100,000, and increase taxes by .0032 on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 5-1-1 vote, Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO", Councilmember Reynolds "ABSTAINING".

Approved amendments to General Fund of \$75,000 for the PECS Austin Technology Incubator(\$25,000) and Health Workforce Development Board(\$50,000) and increase taxes by .0003 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, second, 4-1-2 vote, Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO", Councilmember Reynolds and Slusher "ABSTAINING".

Approved amendment to General Fund of \$75,000 and 2 FTEs for Parks Pioneer Farm and increase taxes by .0003 on Councilmember Reynolds' motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 5-1-1 vote, Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO", Mayor Pro Tem Garcia "ABSTAINING".

Friendly amendment make it contingent on a 25% rate increase for school districts outside city of Austin and give Austin schools a 25% discount by Councilmember Slusher, NOT ACCEPTED.

Approved amendment to General Fund of \$47,000 and 1 FTE for Health for Neighborhood Services District Manager and increase taxes by .0002 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0 vote, Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved amendment to General Fund of \$61,000 and 1 FTE for Public Works Taxicab Inspector and increase taxes by .0004 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Slusher's second, 5-1, Mayor Todd voting "NO", Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved amendment to General Fund of \$500,000 for legal services and increase taxes by .0018 Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 4-2 vote, Mayor Todd and Councilmember Reynolds voting "NO", Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved amendment to General Fund of \$150,000 and 4.5 FTEs for Parks horticulturists and increase taxes by .0006 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 4-2 vote, Mayor Todd and Councilmember Reynolds voting "NO", Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved amendment to General Fund of reappropriation requests: 1)\$50,000 for Parks for South Austin Optimist Concession Stand; 2)\$200,000 for DRI to complete purchase of building permit computer system and 3) \$20,000 for Police for consultant services to validate written Civil Service exams on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 6-0 vote, Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Amendment to General Fund to reduce \$34,197 in Municipal Court for alternate security measures and increase the Marshall program by \$6,000 on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Slusher's second, WITHDRAWN

Amendment to General Fund to defer for one year the electronic meter installation of reduced expenses by \$646,674 and revenue of \$429,000 for a net \$217,674 and reduce taxes by .0008 on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 3-3 vote, motion failed, Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and Councilmember Reynolds' voting "NO", Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Amendment to move \$750,000 from Dispro fund to FQHC for indigent care, to reduce transfer from General Fund to FQHC by \$750,000 and reduce taxes by .0030 Councilmember Griffith's motion, Councilmember Slusher's second, 3-3 vote, motion failed, Mayor Todd, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, and Councilmember Reynolds voting "NO", Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Friendly amendment offered by Councilmember Goodman for this only be used on equipment, supplies and facilities improvements, ACCEPTED .

Amendment to General Fund to reduce Keyser Marston contract by \$100,000 and reduce taxes by .0003 on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 4-0 vote, Mayor Todd and Councilmembers Mitchell and Reynolds temporarily absent.

Motion to amend General Fund to increase Urban design for 1 FTE in the amount of \$190,000 and increase taxes by Councilmember Goodman, Councilmember Slusher's second, 3-2 vote, motion failed, Mayor Todd and Councilmember Griffith voting "NO", Councilmembers Mitchell and Reynolds temporarily absent.

Motion to approve amendment to Liability Reserve Fund by decreasing the transfer from the General Fund by \$500,000 and to amend the Electric Utility Fund by decreasing the transfer to the General Fund by \$2,756,613 by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia

Motion to sever by Councilmember Griffith

Approved amendment to decrease transfer from General Fund to Liability Reserve Fund by \$500,000 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 5-1 vote, Mayor Todd voting "NO", Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved amendment to decrease transfer to General Fund from Electric Utility Fund by \$2,756,613 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 4-1-1 vote, Councilmember Griffith voting "NO", Councilmember Slusher "ABSTAINING", Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved amendment to the Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund by reducing the toilet rebate program for one year by \$154,000 and amend the Water/Wastewater Fund by increasing appropriations in the amount of \$154,000 to fund a transfer to Parks CIP for the conversion of Stacy Pool from fill & draw and amend the Water/Wastewater Fund by increasing appropriations to fund a transfer to the General Fund in the amount of \$212,839 to reflect the corrected calculation on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 5-1 vote, Councilmember Slusher voting "NO", Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved: 1)amendment to the Hospital Fund by transferring \$1,547,000 in interest to the FQHC Fund; 2)amendment to the FQHC Fund by decreasing the transfer from the General Fund by \$1,547,000 and increasing the transfer from the Hospital Fund by \$1,547,000; 3)amendment to the Hospital Fund by increasing the transfer to Health by \$288,848 for adjustments for indigent acute care services; 4)amendment to the Information Systems Fund to increase the transfer in from the General Fund and appropriations by \$60,000 for APD database administration; 5)amendment to the Support Services Fund to increase the transfer in from the General Fund and Management Services appropriations by \$10,000 for the CPC Neighborhood Association database; 6)amendment to the Golf Enterprise Fund by reducing revenue by \$2,500 to reflect fee changes not recommended by the Golf Advisory Board and reduce the ending balance by \$2,500; and 7)amendment to the Vehicle Acquisition Fund by reducing the transfer from the General Fund by \$800,000 and increasing the transfer from CIP interest by \$800,000 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0 vote, Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved reappropriation requests to: 1)amend the Austin Convention Center Operating Fund by increasing the beginning balance by \$90,000 and expenses by \$90,000 for a booking/scheduling database system; 2)amend the Support Services Fund by increasing the beginning balance by \$57,944 and expenses by \$57,944 for Internal Audit to complete the purchase of the Local Area Network; and 3)amend the Drainage Utility Fund by increasing the beginning balance by \$188,500 and expenses by \$188,500 for the LCRA Jollyville Amendment, LCRA Lab Interlocal, CRWR, Water/Wastewater Testing Contract and Stormwater Peer Review on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0 vote, Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved amendment to the Electric Utility Fund by increasing appropriations to fund a transfer of \$600,000 and to the Water/Wastewater Fund by increasing appropriations to fund a transfer of \$200,000 to the Telecommunications CIP for the Geographic Information System on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 4-2 vote, Councilmembers Griffith and Slusher voting "NO".

Approved amendments to: 1)amend the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau Fund to change the name to the Tourism and Promotion Fund, increase the beginning balance by \$353,239 to \$972,118 and increase appropriations by \$404,228 to \$3,796,307; 2)accept a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$42,000 and amend the Planning, Environmental and Conservation Services (PECS) Special Revenue Fund to analyze the effectiveness of the city's landscaping water conservation programs; 3)accept a grant from the Texas Water Development Board in the amount of \$95,000 and amend the PECS Special Revenue Fund to determine the price elasticity of demand for water after the implementation of increasing block rate structures in Texas; 4)amend the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund to add one FTE for the Maternal Child Health Grant

from the Texas Department of Health; 5)accept a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$102,000 and amend the Public Works Special Revenue Fund to create a billboard inventory; 6)amend the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund by increasing the proposed authorization for the TB Control and Outreach Program by \$1,000; 7)amend the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund by increasing the proposed authorization for the Academic Youth Enrichment Program by \$12,000; 8)amend the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund by increasing the proposed authorization for the Ryan White II (HIV) Consortium by \$1,000; 9)amend the Health and Human Services Special Revenue Fund increasing the proposed authorization for the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) by \$1,000; 10)amend the Police Special Revenue Fund to accept a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$61,000 and reduce the amount of the proposed authorization by \$89,000 and 2 FTEs for a Problem Solving Partnership with the community; and 11)amend the Police Special Revenue Fund to accept a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$657,000 and increase the proposed authorization by \$24,000 and add 2 FTEs for the Bureau of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0 vote, Councilmember Mitchell temporarily absent.

Approved amendments to the Cultural Arts Fund of: 1)decrease appropriations for cultural contracts staff in the amount of \$163,022; 2) decrease awards to Cultural Arts Agencies by \$5,000 for an artist who was determined to be ineligible; 3)increase appropriations for contracts with cultural arts agencies in the amount of \$147,816 for a total amount of \$2,174,569; and 4)increase the ending balance by \$20,206 to \$251,577 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-1 vote, Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO".

Amendment to decrease transfer from the Electric Utility Fund to the Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund by \$800,000 on Councilmember Reynolds' motion, Councilmember Mitchell's second, 2-4-1 vote, motion failed, Councilmembers Goodman, Griffith, Mitchell, and Slusher voting "NO", Mayor Pro Tem Garcia "ABSTAINING".

Approved amendment to increase salaries of employees from 3% to 4% by decreasing Vacancy Savings and Services-Other on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Slusher's second, WITHDRAWN

2. Approve first/second/third reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1996 and terminating September 30, 1997, and making appropriations for each project and account, including the errata.

Approved amendments to the Capital Budget passed on first reading: 1)Accept \$94,100 from the Austin Area Garden Council and increase the Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department for improvements to the Garden Center. 2)Reallocate \$52,000 from the Lions Golf Course Clubhouse to Town Lake Irrigation. 3)Reallocate \$6,000 from Deep Eddy Pool Repairs to Zilker Park Irrigation. 4)Increase Public Works by \$158,377 for traffic signals. 5)Increase Parks by \$520,000 for conversion of Stacy Pool from fill & draw. 6)Amend the Telecommunications Capital Budget to reflect a change in the funding source for GIS development.

Approved first reading as amended on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 7-0 vote.

Texas Fine Arts Association		30,500
Book Boosters		5,000
Texas Circuit: Richard Carson		4,000
Dancers Edge		1,700
ACOT: First Stage Productions		10,000
Mexic-Arte: Kenju' Lee' Performing Arts		10,000
CWTW: Deborah Orr		13,000
ACOT: Our Story		8,000
Mexic-Arte: Nailah Sankofa(Shelia A. Fosette/Tr...)	5,000	
DU: Jimmy Turner (Deafdancedeaf)		7,000
DU: Boyd Vance		31,000
CWTW: Women in Jazz		15,000
Mexic-Arte: Centro De Arte y Cultura Nahualli	3,987	
Mexic-Arte: Johnny Degollado		10,000
Mexic-Arte: Robert Rodriguez		8,000
Mexic-Arte/Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklorico (Joint)	10,000	
ACOT: The Robot Group		8,000
Texas Folklife Resources		25,000
Mexic-Arte: Raul Valdez		8,000
Mexic-Arte: Austin Area Community Philharmonic	1,500	
Mexic-Arte: Alex Ramirez		2,000
Austin Chamber Music Center		15,000
Austin Chamber Ensemble		2,170
Third Coast Repertory	2,500	

on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-1 vote, Councilmember Mitchell voting "NO".

RECESSED from 6:10 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED at 7:30 p.m. on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 7-0 vote.

Approved on this the 10th day of October, 1996, minutes of Special Called Meeting of September 9, 1996, Special Called meeting September 10, 1996 and Regular Meeting of October 3, 1996 on, Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Mitchell's second 6-0 vote, Mayor Todd absent. Minutes for Special Called Meeting of October 2, 1996 postponed to October 24, 1996.