



Austin City Council MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1998

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Councilmembers Goodman and Spelman temporarily absent.

Motion made to recess meeting until 12:45 p.m. by Councilmember Griffith, Councilmember Slusher's second, 4-0 vote, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Councilmembers Goodman and Spelman temporarily absent.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m. noting the presence of all Councilmembers.

ORDINANCES

1. Approve first/second/third readings of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998 and terminating September 30, 1999, and making appropriations for each department, project and account, including the errata.
2. Approve first/second/third readings of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998 and terminating September 30, 1999, and making appropriations for each project and account, including the errata.
3. Approve first/second/third readings of an Ordinance fixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Austin, Texas for the fiscal year 1998-99; and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided, directing the assessment and collection thereof; approval of property tax exemptions for agriculture, historic property, persons with disabilities and elderly persons; validating all prior Ad Valorem taxes.
4. Approve first/second/third readings of an Ordinance authorizing fees, fines and other charges for City services and use of City facilities.
5. Approve first/second/third readings of certain Ordinances adopting Rates, as follows:

- a) Water and Wastewater Retail Rates
 - b) Water and Wastewater Wholesale Rates
6. Approve first/second/third readings of an Ordinance adopting the Capital and Operating Budgets for Austin Energy, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998 and terminating September 30, 1999, and making appropriations for each project and account, including the errata.
 7. Approve first/second/third readings of an Ordinance providing for the classifications and number of positions in each classification of the classified Civil Service of the Police Department.
 8. Approve first/second/third readings of an Ordinance providing for the classifications and number of positions in each classification of the classified Civil Service of the Fire Department.

RESOLUTIONS

9. Approve Fiscal Year 1998–99 Cultural Arts Services contracts in the amount of \$2,811,674 (Funding available in the Cultural Arts Fund.)
10. Approve selection of a plan for a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Town Lake near Lamar Boulevard, based upon one of four conceptual designs presented at the July 22, 1998 City Council Worksession, with modifications as determined by Council. [An estimated \$8.3 million is available in the Capital budget of the Public Works and Transportation Department (Lamar Street Bridge Bond funds, and a \$953,252 Federal Enhancement grant.)]
11. Approve the defeasance of certain outstanding Combined Utility Systems Revenue Bonds including the execution of an escrow agreement and all related documents. (Approximately \$20,000,000 from the Water and Wastewater Utility Department.)
12. Approve a resolution authorizing the renewal of and amendments to an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin, Travis County and the Capital Area Planning Council (CAPCO), in an amount not to exceed \$5,362,387, with the City's share increasing by \$450,000 for an amount not to exceed \$2,138,200, for the purpose of establishing an upgraded and integrated regional Geographic Information System (GIS). (Funding was included in the 1997-98 Amended Telecommunications Capital Budget.)

Action taken on items 1 through 12 on September 14 and 15, 1998.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

13. Adopt a resolution supporting a county-wide EMS system for the provision of Emergency Medical Services in Travis County. (Mayor Kirk Watson and Councilmembers Daryl Slusher and Jackie Goodman)
Resolution No. 980916-13 approved on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Slusher's second,

Friendly amendments by Mayor Watson: Section County managed" "and I to add after cities "and unincorporated areas" and to delete. Under Section B item 2 to read "Makes a recommendation whether the County or the City of Austin will manage the system. If the recommendation that the system is managed by Travis County, the team will recommend a date for of the complete shift to County management." Item 2 will become 3 with the following change: "Includes a recommendation for the date on which full funding is provided by the County..." Item 4 will become 5, and 5 will become 6 with the following paragraph added after item 6, "the court and the Council will evaluate the recommendations of the Transition Team and prepare and enter into an agreement based upon the recommendations." Section IV the first sentence after the word system add: "and management is agreed to based upon Transition Team recommendation, and deleting starting from the word "and a shift of the management is deemed appropriate by the EMS Transition Team, and approved by the City Council of the city of Austin." Also adding the following sentence before the last sentence of paragraph: "All employees hired during this period will be employees of the City of Austin". Change Travis County to "The managing jurisdiction" in sections IV the second "A". Section IV second "B" add "Dependent upon the recommendations of the Transition Team and the agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County the City of Austin will transfer..." "delete the word management before in accordance with", in "C" delete the words "areas" after the word "incorporated and one member selected by the Emergency Services/Rural fire Prevention" after Travis County other than Austin, and", in "E" add "The managing jurisdiction" at the beginning of the sentence and add after the second sentence: "If the managing jurisdiction is City of Austin, in consultation with Travis County, or if the managing jurisdiction is Travis County, in consultation with City of Austin".

Friendly amendments accepted by maker and seconder, 7-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (No Public Discussion on These Items)

The City Council will announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation and personnel matter specifically listed on this agenda. The City Council may also announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

Private Consultation with Attorney – Section 551.071

14. Discuss City of Austin, Horse Thief Hollow Ranch, Ltd., et al., CA No. 98-00248, Travis County District Court.

ADJOURNED at 2:55 p.m. on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Councilmember Slusher's second, 7-0 vote.

Approved on this the 1st day of October, 1998 on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0 vote, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia off the dais.

