



Austin City Council MINUTES

WORKSESSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9,
1998

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order, Councilmembers Slusher and Spelman temporarily absent.

Citizen's COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

1. Gus Pena, to discuss the City budget and to ask for funding to continue after school programs at Ortega Elementary and other schools.
Absent

BRIEFINGS

1998-99 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET:

2. AUSTIN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
Presentation given by Rick Luger

ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3. 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)
Postponed two weeks
4. 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.)]

Motion to suspend rules to give Sinclair Black extra time to give presentation on Councilmember Spelman's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 5-0 vote, Councilmember Goodman out of the room, Mayor Watson absent.

Motion by Councilmember Spelman to direct staff and our consultant HDR to work with Sinclair Black and Janna McCann to develop a final design for cantilever bridge suitable for submission to Texas Historical Commission that minimizes and enhances the 3rd St/Lamar Bridge as far as possible within 30 days, and second that we direct staff and HDR to develop a design for and cost out a ramp up that embankment between Cesar Chavez and 3rd Street, and determine feasibility of getting across the railroad tracts, Councilmember Griffith's second, 2-3 vote, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Councilmembers Goodman and Slusher voting "NO", Councilmember Lewis out of the room, Mayor Watson absent.

READING OF CONSENT AGENDA

READING OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

CITIZEN's COMMUNICATION: CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

PREVIEW OF ITEMS FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

5. Review of Proposed Agenda Items from the City Manager for September 24, 1998.
6. Review of Proposed Agenda Items from Council for September 24, 1998.
7. Discuss and identify consent and discussion agenda items for the September 10, 1998 Council meeting agenda. (Agenda for September 10, 1998 is attached and incorporated by reference.)
Items pulled for discussion: #s 12, 14, 17, 20, 22, 23, 44, 46, 48 and 53.
8. Set Time Certain, if necessary, for agenda items on the September 10, 1998 Agenda.

Aviation

9. Amend Ordinance 970917-A, the approved 1997-98 Operating Budget of the Aviation Department, by increasing the transfers out of the Airport Operating Fund, increasing the transfers in to the Mueller Disposition Fund and increasing the appropriations to the Mueller Airport Disposition Fund by \$150,000, and decrease the budgeted ending balance to provide funding for a supplemental amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with ROMA Design Group for the preparation of a Reuse and Redevelopment Master Plan for Robert Mueller Municipal Airport. (Recommended by Airport Advisory Board) [Related to Item 10]
Ordinance No. 980909-A approved

10. Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of Amendment #1 to the Professional Services Agreement with ROMA DESIGN GROUP, San Francisco, CA, for preparation of a Reuse and Redevelopment Master Plan for the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport, in the amount of \$150,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$650,000. (Funding is included in the 1997-98 Operating Budget of the Aviation Department Mueller Disposition Fund). [Related to Item 9]
Resolution No. 980909-10 approved

Items 9 and 10 approved on Councilmember Griffith's motion, Councilmember Spelman's second, 6-0 vote, Mayor Watson absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (No Public Discussion on These Items)

Executive session held at 12:14 p.m. to 2:07 p.m.

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

11. Discuss L.S. Ranch, Ltd., et al v. City of Austin, CA No. 97-1048, Hayes County District Court.
12. Discuss Circle C Land Corp. v. City of Austin, CA No. 97-13994, Travis County District Court.
13. Discuss Martha Cotera v. State of Texas, et al, Civil Action No. A-98-CA-346JN, in the United States District Court for Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

Staff Briefing – Section 551.075

14. Staff briefing on redevelopment process, reuse planning and financial issues for Robert Mueller Municipal Airport.

Real Property - Section 551.072

15. Discuss sale of up to 282 acres of Robert Mueller Municipal Airport to the State of Texas.

ADJOURNED at 6:50 p.m. on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 5-0 vote, Councilmember Lewis off the dais, Mayor Watson absent.

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.