



Austin City Council MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - SEPTEMBER 15,
1998

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1:30 P.M.

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

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.
Ordinance No. 980915-A approved on Councilmember Spelman's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 7-0 vote.
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.
Ordinance No. 980915-B approved on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Spelman's second, 7-0 vote.
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.
Ordinance No. 980915-C approved on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0-1 vote, Councilmember Lewis ABSTAINING
4. Approve first/second/third readings of an Ordinance authorizing fees, fines and other charges for City services and use of City facilities.
Ordinance No. 980915-D approved on Councilmember Lewis' motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second, 7-0 vote.

5. Approve first/second/third readings of certain Ordinances adopting Rates, as follows:
 - a) Water and Wastewater Retail Rates
Ordinance No. 980915-E approved on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion and Mayor Watson's second, 7-0 vote.
 - b) Water and Wastewater Wholesale Rates
Ordinance No. 980915-F approved on Councilmember Spelman's motion, Councilmember Griffith's second, 7-0 vote.
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.
Ordinance approved on September 14, 1998
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.
Ordinance approved on September 14, 1998
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.
Ordinance approved on September 14, 1998

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.)
Resolution No. 980915-9 approved for an amount of \$3,035,759 on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 7-0 vote.
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.)]
Suspend rule of council to go directly to council discussion on Councilmember Goodman's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's second, 7-0 vote.

Approve selection of option 4 for bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Town lake near Lamar Boulevard on Mayor Pro Tem Garcia's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second,

Called for question by Councilmember Lewis, 3-4 vote, Councilmembers Goodman, Griffith, Slusher and Spelman voting "NO".

Friendly amendment for full option 4b costing \$4,750,000 by Councilmember Spelman, NOT ACCEPTED

Substitute motion for full option 4b costing \$4,750,000 by Councilmember Spelman, Councilmember Goodman's second, 2-5 vote, Mayor Waton, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia and Councilmembers Goodman, Lewis and Slusher voting "NO".

Mayor called for vote on original motion, 7-0 vote.

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.)

Resolution approved on September 14, 1998

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.)

Resolution No. 980915-12 approved on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Goodman's second, 6-0 vote, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia off the dais.

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)

No action taken

EXECUTIVE SESSION (No Public Discussion on These Items)

Recess at 4:28 p.m. until 5:40 p.m. on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Lewis' second, 6-0 vote, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia off the dais.

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 5:43 p.m. on Councilmember Slusher's motion, Councilmember Lewis' second, 6-0 vote, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia off the dais.

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.