



Austin City Council MINUTES

JANUARY 30, 1992 - 1:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - 1:00 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of January 23, 1992 and Special Meetings of January 22 and 23, 1992 - NOT READY

1:00 P.M. - CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

2. Mr. Leonard Lyons, to discuss accountability and responsibility of staff, did not appear.
3. Mr. David Elliott, to discuss current City issues.
4. Mr. David Van Os, to discuss Austin Cablevision issues.
5. Mr. Lance Winters, to discuss and present first report to Council concerning the City vehicle issue as discussed on May 23, 1991.
6. Mr. Henry Ratliff, to discuss City problems.
7. Mr. Richard Arriola, to discuss Austin Cablevision and related labor issues.
8. Mr. Alan Schumann, to discuss valid petition process.
9. Mr. Jim Schwertner, to present a resolution adopted by the Cattlemen's State Bank Board of Directors.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

10. SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION - Multi-Family Recycling
Report given by Gail Vittori and Beth Holt

ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

11. Appeal by Mr. Dan Pike of the Bull Creek Homeowners Association of the Planning Commission's decision to approve a consolidated site plan for Twin Rocks Apartments, located at 7700 N. Capital of Texas Highway (Loop 360).

Postponed to February 13, 1992.

12. Authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Friend of the Parks, Inc., to construct lighting improvements along the Town Lake hike and bike trail from Lamar Blvd., east to Waller Creek on the north shore and east to approximately 1700 feet east of the Congress Avenue Bridge on the south shore. (Councilmember Michael "Max" Nofziger)

Postponed to February 6, 1992.

13. Authorized acceptance of \$4,500 in grant funds from the Tobacco Institute for a Children's Safety and Fire Protection Program; amend Ordinance No. 910912-A, the 1991-92 Operating Budget, amending the Special Revenue Fund for the Fire Department by appropriating \$4,500, increasing revenues and expenditures. (No City Match required.)

On Councilmember Epstein's motion, Councilmember Larson's second, 5-0 Vote, Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

ORDINANCES

14. Approved third reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 13-2 of the Austin City Code rezoning property locally known as 6510 South Congress Avenue, Case No. C14-91-0063, from "LR" to "LI-CO", RIVERSIDE RESOURCES CORPORATION, by Pat Scudder. First reading on October 3, 1991; Vote 4-2, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy out of the room and Councilmembers Nofziger and Garcia voted "No". Second reading on January 23, 1992. Conditions met as follows: Conditional Overlay incorporates conditions imposed by Council. Restrictive Covenant incorporating conditions imposed by Council has been executed.

On Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 3-0 Vote, Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

15. Approve implementation of the first year of the Urban Watersheds Retrofit and Monitoring Business Plan by amending the 1991-92 Operating Budget as follows: (a) increasing the number of full-time positions by one (1) in the Department of Public Works and Transportation, by two (2) in the Law Department, and by six (6) in the Environmental and Conservation Services Department; and (b)

reallocating \$5.0 million within the approved 1991-92 Drainage Utility Operating Budget as well as increasing expenditures and expense refunds by \$1,610,367 in the Environmental and Conservation Services Department Operating Budget and \$48,444 in the General Fund Operating Budget (for the Law Department). [Funding provided by the Drainage Utility Fund.]

Postponed to February 13, 1992.

16. Approved the reallocation of \$220,000 of FY 1988-89 (14th Year) and FY 1989-90 (15th Year) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to fund existing programs and provide training for nonprofit development corporations. (Recommended by Housing Subcommittee)

On Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 5-0 Vote, Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

17. Approve negotiation and execution of a contract award with TRANSLOGIC CORPORATION, Irving, Texas, for the purchase and installation of a pneumatic tube system conversion and upgrade at Brackenridge Hospital, in an amount not to exceed \$345,975. (Funding included in the 1991-92 Capital Equipment Budget of Brackenridge Hospital.) Sole Source. 10.31% MBE, 0% WBE Subcontractor participation.

Postponed

18. Approved execution (RFP) of a six (6) month service contract with DIAGNOSTIC HEALTH SERVICES, INC., Austin, Texas, for temporary Echo Technologists, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, including an option to extend thereafter on a month to month basis for up to three (3) months, for an amount not to exceed \$9,167 per month, for a total amount not to exceed \$82,501. (Funding included in the 1991-92 Operating Budget of Brackenridge Hospital.) Best offer of two (2). The prime did not identify any subcontracting opportunities. Reference No. BC2-095.
19. Approved execution of the final one-year extension option with CENTRAL TEXAS MEDICAL FOUNDATION (CTMF), Austin, Texas, for medical education and physician services, in an amount not to exceed \$4,545,437. (Funding in the amount of \$3,945,437 included in the Physician Stipend Fund; \$600,000 included in the 1991-92 Operating Budget of Brackenridge Hospital.
20. Authorized negotiation and execution of a Water Service Agreement between the City of Austin and Marsha Water Supply Corporation to supply retail water service within the Pamela Heights Subdivision, located off I.H. 35 and Grand Avenue Parkway. (Estimated revenue to the City will be between \$9,500 to \$20,000 annually. The City will not incur any costs to provide this service connection.)

21. Approved execution of a contract with DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, Austin, Texas, for the purchase of DEC VAX 4000-300 minicomputer system for the Environmental and Conservation Services Department, in an amount not to exceed \$259,119.97. (Funding included in the 1991-92 Operating Budget of Environmental and Conservation Services Department.) Low bid of three (3). The prime did not identify any subcontracting opportunities. Reference No. 920229-3CM.
22. Approved execution of a twelve (12) month service agreement (for six (6) months in FY 1991-92 - April thru September; for six (6) months in FY 1992-93 - October thru March) with PAMPERED LAWNS, Austin, Texas, for grounds maintenance of public lands at the former North Star Municipal Utility District, in an amount not to exceed \$67,200, with the option to extend for up to two (2) twelve (12) month periods, in an amount not to exceed \$67,200 per extension, for a total amount not to exceed \$201,600. (Funding in the amount of \$33,600 included in the 1991-92 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department; the balance of \$33,600 will be contingent upon approval of the 1992-93 Budget.) Low bid of eight (8). The prime did not identify any subcontracting opportunities.

#18-22, on Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 5-0 Vote, Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

23. Discussion/Approval of a Resolution urging Governor Richards and members of the Texas Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation Site Review Task Force to support the continued operation of both the Travis State School and the Austin State School. (Mayor Bruce Todd and Councilmembers Gus Garcia and Ronney Reynolds)

On Councilmember Reynolds' motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Urdy, with a friendly amendment by Mayor Todd as follows: (4-0 Vote Councilmember Epstein out of the room, Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.)

* In both resolutions strike the 5th Whereas clause. It says the vast majority of residents at the Travis State School have severe or profound retardation, they may have severe medical problems or have special needs, strike that and the next to the last Whereas which is the first Whereas clause in both resolutions would read as follows: Be it now resolved that the Austin City Council fully supports maintaining the Austin State School in one resolution, Travis State School in the other, as part of the Austin/Travis County Community and urges the task force members not to recommend closure or consolidation of this school until appropriate alternatives are available in the community. The Council also recognizes the desirability of placement of community placement for some people

with mental retardation and urges the State of Texas to support enhanced placement of people with mental retardation where appropriate. Austin recognizes that 1,600 people currently in the State School have been certified as appropriate with the yearly placements and that efforts to resolve the issue must take into consideration the rights and needs of those individuals.

24. Consider a zoning change request for C14-91-084, Commerce Savings Association, by R.W. Spencer, 3032 Tamarron Boulevard, from LR to MF-1 as amended by applicant. (Councilmembers Ronney Reynolds and Mayor Pro Tem Charles Urdy)

Postponed indefinitely.

25. Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with the Nature Conservancy of Texas, Inc. for the purchase of 371 acres of land in the Upper Bull Creek watershed for preserve purposes, in an amount not to exceed \$1,296,982. (Mayor Bruce Todd and Councilmember Gus Garcia)

Postponed indefinitely.

26. Authorize the negotiation and execution of a a general Letter of Intent with the Nature Conservancy of Texas, Inc., for the purchase of properties to be included in potential preserves for the Balcones Habitat Conservation Plan. (Mayor Bruce Todd and Councilmember Gus Garcia)

Postponed indefinitely.

27. Amend Ordinance No. 910912-A by transferring \$67,114 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to the Health and Human Services Department Social Services Fund for Youth and Family Support Services. (Councilmembers Bob Larson and Gus Garcia) [Related to Item 28]

Motion

Councilmember Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Epstein, to take the money from the \$1.1-million Youth at Risk budget. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0, Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

Motion to Reconsider

Later in the day, Councilmember Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Larson, to reconsider. Vote passed by 5-0 with Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

Motion

Councilmember Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Larson, to rescind the Ordinance. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0 with Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

Councilmember Reynolds explained, "We have an ordinance we don't have to change because the money is already there and we are not taking money out of the Contingency Fund." Councilmember Larson explained that "action on Item 28 (which follows) will take care of funding for South Austin Youth Services".

28. Approved a Resolution approving execution of a contract amendment with Austin-Travis County Youth Services, in an amount not to exceed \$67,114 for youth and family support services, for a total contract amount of \$107,114. (Councilmember Bob Larson) [Related to Item 27]

On Councilmember Epstein's motion, Councilmember Reynolds' second, 5-0 Vote, Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

29. Approve the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Charles Urdy and Councilmembers Louise Epstein and Gus Garcia to serve on the City Council's Lower Colorado River Authority Water Rate Review Subcommittee. (Councilmembers Louise Epstein and Gus Garcia)

Postponed to February 6, 1992.

30. Amend the June 13, 1985 Resolution, including amendments approved on August 6, 1987, related to labor organizations. (Councilmember Louise Epstein and Mayor Pro Tem Charles Urdy)

Postponed to February 20, 1992.

31. Approved a Resolution at the request of the Reed Family, making a public appeal to all citizens, through the use of the City's Public Access Television Channels, news media releases, and any other means deemed appropriate and practical, to volunteer any information to the Assault Unit of the Austin Police Department or the Heidi Search Foundation on the whereabouts of Colleen Reed or her abductors. (Councilmember Louise Epstein)

On Councilmember Epstein's motion, Mayor Todd's second, 4-0 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy out of the room, Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

32. Direct Austin Cablevision to allocate an additional access channel for Texas Student Television (TSTV). [Cable Issues Subcommittee]

Postponed to February 6, 1992.

33. Set a public hearing to consider extending certain provisions, procedures and regulations of the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance, as amended on October 10, 1991, to all other watersheds within Austin's planning jurisdiction. Date and time: February 13, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. [Mayor Pro Tem Charles Urdy and Councilmember Ronney Reynolds]

On Mayor Pro Tem Urdy's motion, Councilmember Reynolds second, 4-0 Vote, Councilmember Epstein out of the room, Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger absent.

34. (Addendum) Set a public hearing to discuss cost of service methodologies used in the preparation of City of Austin Electric Utility rate recommendations. (Suggested date and time: February 20, 1992 at 4:30 p.m.) (Councilmember Louise Epstein)

Postponed to February 6, 1992.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

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