



Austin City Council MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - 1:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

Mayor Todd called to order the special called meeting of the Council, noting the presence of all members except Mayor Pro Tem Urdy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (No Public Discussion on These Items)

The City Council will announce that 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 matters. No final action will be taken on any subject or matter unless specifically listed on the agenda for this meeting.

Advice from Counsel - Section 551.071(2)

7. Discussion concerning possible amendments to the Rules and Procedures for the use of Public Access Channels and grand jury investigations now pending in Travis and Williamson Counties regarding the Infosex Video.

RECESS

Council recessed its meeting from 1:21 to 2:20 P.M. for executive session.

OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Mayor Todd announced Council would consider first reading of the Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 1993 and ending September 30, 1994.

ORDINANCES

Item 1.

1. Approve first reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1993 and

terminating September 30, 1994, and making appropriations for each department, project and account, including errata.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Nofziger's motion, Councilmember Garcia's second, passed through FIRST READING of an ordinance adopting and approving the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1993 and terminating September 30, 1994, and making appropriations for each department, project and account, including errata, and the following amendments, with a request by Councilmember Reynolds to sever the vote on 5-A, domestic partners insurance benefits. (6-0 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent)

(2.) Amend the Brackenridge Hospital Fund as follows:

- Increase the transfer to General Obligation Debt Service by \$657,238 and reduce the 1993-94 ending balance.

(3.) Amend the Special Revenue Funds as follows:

- Amend the Electric Utility Special Revenue Fund by adding a grant in the amount of \$6,490 for a "Rap for Safety" program
- Amend the Environmental and Conservation Services Department Special Revenue Fund by adding a grant in the amount of \$50,000 and one FTE for the Integrated Resource Planning Process

(4.) Amend the Debt Service Fund as follows:

- Reduce budgeted CIP interest revenue in the General Obligation Debt Service Fund by \$256,000 and reduce the debt service requirement for interest by \$256,000

(5.) Amend the Employee Benefits Fund as follows:

- Appropriate \$528,000 for domestic partners insurance benefits and reduce the 1993-94 ending balance (5-1-0 VOTE, Councilmember Reynolds voted No, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent)
- Appropriate \$600,000 for retirees insurance benefits and reduce the 1993-94 ending balance

(6.) Amend the General Fund revenue as follows:

- Increase the 1993-94 beginning balance by \$1,830,137
- Increase 1993-94 projected revenue by \$254,986
- Decrease the residential building permit fee increase from 10% to 5% (\$46,400)

SUBTOTAL

+2,038,723

**(7.) Amend the General Fund expenditures as follows:
Appropriate:**

- Department of Planning and Development 8 FTEs \$634,066
for expenditures associated with new
development
- Health and Human Services Department \$34,986
for expenditures associated with the
animal shelter
- Various departments for reappropriation \$141,638
of savings

SUBTOTAL \$810,710

**(8.) Increase the transfer from the Economic
Development Trust Fund by \$25,000 and
appropriate \$25,000 for payment to the
technology incubator.**

**(9.) Amend the General Fund expenditures as follows:
Appropriate:**

- Police Department to add 47 new police 47 FTEs \$1,500,000
officers
- Fire Department to add 44 firefighters 45 FTEs \$830,000
and one staff position for new stations
- Fire Department to add 28 firefighters, 31 FTEs \$565,000
one staff position and two civilian
recruiters for constant staffing
- Emergency Medical Services to upgrade 6 FTEs \$290,000
from part-time to full-time the advanced
life support unit
- Youth Apprenticeship Program \$200,000

SUBTOTAL \$3,385,000

Motion to Approve (10)

The Council, on Councilmember Nofziger's motion, Councilmember
Shea's second, approved item (10) by a vote of 6-0 with Mayor Pro
Tem Urdy absent, as follows:

- (10.)- One stop family empowerment center \$150,000
- Staff support for Child Care Coordinator 1 FTE \$32,000
- Reduce the General Fund transfer to the (\$256,000)
CIP Fund
- Decrease expenditures for departmental (\$201,500)
reductions:
Decrease LAN (Information Systems) \$50,000
Reduce increase for master plan (Planning
& Development) \$50,000
Eliminate Sister City coordinator
(Management Services) \$30,000

Eliminate marketing FTE (Parks &
 Recreation) \$51,500
 Decrease playscape match (Parks &
 Recreation) \$20,000
 - Decrease expenditures for vacancy savings (\$181,156)
 Mayor & Council \$12,241
 Management Services \$44,111
 City Clerk \$17,385
 Planning & Development \$37,464
 Law \$35,529
 City Auditor \$15,557
 Library \$18,869

 SUBTOTAL (\$456,656)

(MOTIONS WHICH DID NOT PASS)

Several other motions to amend were made, which did not pass, they were:

Councilmember Nofziger made a motion to amend the Convention Center Operating Fund for Art in Public Places. He withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Shea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, who then withdrew his second, to increase revenue by \$300,000 with 5% gross receipts from solid waste haulers.

Motion by Councilmember Shea, seconded by Councilmember Goodman to decrease City Auditor's budget by \$125,000, FAILED by a vote of 2-4-0, Councilmember Reynolds, Mayor Todd, and Councilmembers Garcia and Nofziger voted NO, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent.

Motion by Councilmember Shea to reduce a skill and goal based pay by \$500,000 DIED due to lack of second.

A motion by Councilmember Shea, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, who then withdrew her second, to reduce comprehensive plan by \$50,000, reduce Planning One-Stop by \$100,000, delete \$25,000 for in-car computers, delete library funding by \$50,000, delete APD laptop computers by \$250,000 and parks moving decrease by \$300,000 DIED due to lack of a second.

- (11) Increase the tax rate by .95 cents for a total rate of 62.25 cents and increase 1993-94 projected revenue by \$1,700,331.

Motion to approve the tax rate made by Councilmember Nofziger and

seconded by Councilmember Reynolds passed by 5-1-0 Vote, Councilmember Shea voted No, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent.

VOTE ON OVERALL OPERATING BUDGET

Councilmember Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the Operating Budget, as amended, including tax rate. 5-1-0 Vote, Councilmember Shea voted No, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent.

Item 2. Capital Budget

2. Approve first reading of an Ordinance adopting and approving the Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1993 and terminating September 30, 1994, and making appropriations for each project and account, including the errata with amendments as follows: Decrease appropriation for traffic signals and increase appropriation for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements (\$300,000 - no net cost); Decrease appropriation for the Milwood Branch Library and increase appropriation for the Oak Hill branch (\$242,000 - no net cost); appropriate the parkland dedication fees in an amount of \$636,622; and reduce the General Fund transfer and increase CIP Interest revenue in the amount of \$256,000.

On Councilmember Nofziger's motion, Councilmember Reynolds second, 6-0 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent.

3. Approve first reading of an Ordinance fixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Austin, Texas, for the fiscal year 1993-94, at 62.25 cents; and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided; directing the assessment and collecting thereof; approval of property tax exemptions for historic property, persons with disabilities and elderly persons; directing the assessment and collecting thereof; validating all prior Ad Valorem taxes.

On Councilmember Garcia's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, 5-1-0 Vote, Councilmember Shea voted No, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent.

4. Approve first reading of certain ordinances authorizing fees, fines and other charges for City services and use of City facilities, including reducing the fee increase for residential building permits from 10% to 5% (\$46,000 impact)

Motion

Councilmember Nofziger made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds to approve.

Motion to Amend

Councilmember Garcia's motion seconded by Councilmember Nofziger, to amend the above Ordinance, by increasing from \$3.50 to \$4.50 the commercial anti-litter fee to fund commercial recycling programs, passed by a vote of 4-2-0 with Councilmembers Reynolds and Shea voting No, Councilmember Urdy absent.

Roll Call on Motion with Amendment

5-1-0 Vote, Councilmember Shea voted No, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent.

5. Approve first reading of an Ordinance adopting Wholesale Water and Wastewater rates and delaying action on retail rates until October 21, 1993.

On Councilmember Shea's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, 6-0 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent.

6. Approve first reading of an Ordinance providing for the number and rank of positions in the classified Civil Service of the Police Department and Fire Department, and amending the Ordinance as follows: Add 47 Civil Service positions in the Police Department to reflect the tax package and add 72 Civil Service positions in the Fire Department (44 for new stations and 28 for constant staffing) to reflect the tax package.

On Councilmember Shea's motion, Councilmember Garcia's second, 6-0 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent.

ADJOURN - The Council, on Councilmember Shea's motion, Councilmember Garcia's second, adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M., Mayor Pro Tem Urdy absent.