

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Recessed Meeting
of the
Special Meeting
(June 24, 1953)

June 25, 1953
2:00 P.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The Meeting was called to order with Mayor McAden presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden
Absent: None

Councilman Thompson brought up the Electrical Capital Summary for further discussion and inquired about it in that there were items costing more than anticipated and that the Electrical Capital Account is \$161,000 short. The City Manager explained there would be no money to transfer over by reducing the inventory; that the Department to break even would have to reduce the inventory; that the inventory would have to be watched carefully in order not to run too low. The reduction in inventory was discussed thoroughly, Councilman White thinking it would not hurt the City to pull it down; Councilman Pearson believing that it would not be wise to do it. Councilman Long thought it possibly could be pulled down to \$511,000 and there would be \$20,000 more money. Councilman Thompson did not agree. He thought the Administration and Council should try to find all it could from the budget to put the pay increase in effect; then whatever increase in taxes that would be necessary to maintain the budget next year could be made; that the Administration did not feel safe in taking money out of the Electrical Capital Account. Councilman Long believed by studying the projects that would not be completed or might be in the planning stages; by checking the number of city employees and freezing the vacancies, that they could get by the next six months without increased revenue; and at the time a new budget is adopted, a tax rate would have to be set; and if an increase were needed, she would be just as courageous in voting it. Councilman Long then moved that the estimated inventory be reduced to \$511,423.00 by the end of December 31st. The motion lost for lack of a second.

The list of vacancies was discussed. Councilman Thompson stated it looked as though in spite of the vacancies that have occurred in the first five months, in this same period 38.7% of the \$5,625,000 had been spent; and

if it continued that way, the whole amount of the budget would be spent. Discussion was held on amount of overtime; amount diverted for contract work, seasonal and part-time employees.

Former MAYOR MILLER spoke briefly, asking that the tax on garbage collections not be considered, and that the increase might not be found in the budget but suggested to raise the light rates.

The Council recessed until Wednesday, July 1, 1953, 9:30 A.M.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk