

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

September 5, 1946
10:45 A. M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

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The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call

Present : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf - 3
Absent : Councilman Bartholomew - 1

Present also: Guiton Morgan, City Manager; J. E. Motheral, Director of Public Works; Trueman E. O'Quinn, City Attorney; and R. D. Thorp, Chief of Police.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

H. G. West, Mrs. Mae Cox, and others presented petitions asking that certain things be done to lessen the traffic hazard on South Congress Avenue, in the way of signs between the city limits and the 2100 block showing the speed limit within the City, a traffic signal light in the 2300 block or farther out, or in lieu thereof, street markers to slow down the traffic; and further asked that the City Council take some action immediately to safeguard the lives of the school children in that area.

The matter was referred to the Chief of Police to find out from the Director of Public Utilities if it is possible to get a signal light for that locality, and also one on Red River Street near the school. The Chief of Police was further instructed to have street markers placed as requested by petitioners, and also to have a motorcycle officer stationed there.

T. T. Tanner, 402 West 34th Street, came before the Council relative to his previous request that the City remedy the damage done to his property by the digging of a ditch across same when a storm sewer was constructed in the 300 block between 34th and 35th Streets. The City Manager reported that upon investigation it was found that another lot owner was involved also, and recommended that if said property owners would furnish the pipe, the City build the storm sewer through there. Further action on the matter was postponed, pending an investigation of the property by the City Council.

Donald Hill came before the Council and presented the written application of the Austin Transit Company for a change in the Travis Heights Bus Line from its present route to the following new route:

From South Congress Avenue and Academy Drive to Travis Heights Boulevard and Fairmount Avenue, same as present route; from Fairmount Avenue south on Travis Heights Boulevard to East Live Oak Street; west on East Live Oak Street to Brackenridge Street; north on Brackenridge Street to Lockhart Drive; east on Lockhart Drive to Newning Avenue; north on Newning Avenue to East Monroe Street; west on East Monroe Street to South Congress Avenue; north on South Congress Avenue to business district,.

together with certain bus stop changes. The matter was referred to the City Manager, the Engineering Department, and the Police Department for investigation and recommendation; and the public was invited to appear and be heard on the matter at the next regular meeting.

R. W. Cooksey, 1915 Longfellow Street, submitted a request for a light meter, which requires the setting up of another light pole. The matter was referred to the City Manager for investigation.

Councilman Thornberry offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, in Book 3, page 26, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, there appears a map or plat of a subdivision of land known as Walsh Place on Lake Austin; and

WHEREAS, upon said map or plat there are shown various streets and alleys, also various lots and blocks, one block being designated as Block 11 and being traversed by an alley 20 feet in width; and

WHEREAS, the owners of a majority of the property abutting said alley have petitioned the City Council of the City of Austin to vacate and abandon said alley; and

WHEREAS, said petition has been reviewed and considered by the City Council of the City of Austin; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT that certain alley traversing Block 11 of Walsh Place on Lake Austin as referred to above be permanently closed and vacated, except, however, the City of Austin hereby reserves the right to construct, maintain, operate, and control all public utilities in, upon, over, and across said alley.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf

Noes : None

Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

Councilman Wolf introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, BOTH INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY OUT OF OUTLOT 17, DIVISION C, FRONTING ON AIRPORT BOULEVARD BETWEEN EAST 45TH AND EAST 46TH STREETS, ALL IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND ~~DECLARING AN EMERGENCY~~.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Wolf moved to suspend the rule and pass the ordinance to its second reading, and to strike therefrom the emergency clause. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf

Noes : None

Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

The ordinance was then read the second time and Councilman Wolf moved to further suspend the rule and pass the ordinance to its third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf

Noes : None

Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

The ordinance was then read the third time and Councilman Wolf moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf

Noes : None

Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

Thereupon Mayor Miller announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The application of the FREDERICK D. KUNKEL PACKAGE STORE, 6104 Dallas Highway, for a package store permit, duly approved by the City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Wolf moved that the permit be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf

Noes : None

Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

Councilman Wolf offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, after a long and useful life as a citizen and public official in the City of Austin, death came, as it must to all men, to the Honorable C. F. Alford on the 4th day of August, 1946, while serving in his ninth term as a member of the governing body of the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Alford first served the City of Austin from May, 1919, to May, 1921, and after being elected to the Council in May, 1931, was thereafter re-elected seven successive times, thus having devoted more than one-fifth of his long and useful life to the service of the public of Austin; and

WHEREAS, his entire public and private life has been characterized by natural honesty and integrity, a keen and alert sense of fairness and justice for all men, and his gentle and friendly manner of performing all acts of his private and public life; and

WHEREAS, the untimely passing of Councilman Alford has taken from the people of Austin a loyal and sincere friend and neighbor and deprived his fellow Councilmen of his practical advice and counsel in the administration of public affairs in the City of Austin; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the members of the City Council by this Resolution commemorate the passing of the Honorable C. F. Alford and attest to his great service to the City of Austin as a good citizen and neighbor and as a faithful, wise and intelligent member of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the City Council and that a copy be sent to the surviving family of our fellow Councilman who was a devoted husband and father, loved and honored in his home as he was by all who knew him.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf

Noes : None

Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

The City Manager reported that he had been unable to secure bids for the construction of storm and sanitary sewer lines, and that the contractors had asked for a postponement of same until after the first of the year. Thereupon the City Manager and the Engineering Department were instructed, pending the time when the City calls for bids again, to secure the necessary easements and carry on as much of this work as can be done by the City's forces.

W. D. Yancey, 3300 Meredith Street, submitted a complaint against a drainage condition. The Council took the matter under advisement, pending an inspection on the grounds.

The application of GILBERT STROMQUIST, 217 West 8th Street, for a license to operate as a taxicab a 4-door sedan, 1942 model, Engine No. 18-6881310, State License No. HT-4120, duly approved by the City Manager, was submitted.

Councilman Wolf moved that the application be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf
Noes : None
Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

The application of JOHN JOSEPH SILVA, 217 West 8th Street, for a license to operate as a taxicab a 4-door Plymouth, 1940 Model, Engine No. P10-309408, State License No. FV-6892, duly approved by the City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Wolf moved that the application be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf
Noes : None
Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

The application of IVAN LEE HARRIS, 300 Congress Avenue, for a license to operate as a taxicab a 4-door Chevrolet Sedan, 1942 Model, Engine No. BA-116032, State License No. FX-3786, duly approved by the City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Wolf moved that the application be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf
Noes : None
Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

The application of ALBERT J. CALDWELL, 2614 Wichita Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, duly approved by the City Manager, was submitted. Councilman Thornberry moved that the permit be granted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf
Noes : None
Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

The following applications for private boat licenses, duly approved by the Lake Austin Navigation Board, were submitted:

Arthur W. Hatman, Texas Highway Department, Austin, Texas:
Penn Yann, Outboard, 1941 Model, "Ginny", 4-passenger;

George F. Speedy, 1003 Lambie Street:
Lyman, Outboard, 1946 Model, "Georgie Faye", 6-passenger;

Ellis J. Wheless, Route 1, Box 364, Manor Road:
Inboard, 1930 Model, "Dodge", 8-passenger;

Eugene J. Wilson, 1710 Briar Street:
Home-made, Outboard, 1943 Model, "Susie-Q" See Bee- 4-passenger;

Councilman Thornberry moved that the applications be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf
Noes : None
Absent: Councilman Bartholomew

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The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Wolf moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilman Bartholomew (by proxy), Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf

Noes : None

The ordinance was then read the second time and Councilman Wolf moved that the rule be further suspended and the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilman Bartholomew (by proxy), Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf

Noes : None

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Noes : None

The Mayor thereupon announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

There being no further business, upon motion of Councilman Thornberry, the meeting was recessed at 1:00 P. M., subject to call of the Mayor.

Attest:

Helene M. Keen

City Clerk

Approved:

Tom Miller

MAYOR