

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

## CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

## Regular Meeting

September 28, 1950  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

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The meeting was called to order with Mayor Pro-tem Drake presiding.

## Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Present also: Walter E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr. Assistant City Attorney; C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works; Dr. Ben Primer, City Health Officer; R. D. Thorp, Chief of Police.

Councilman Johnson moved that since copies of the minutes of the last meeting of the City Council have been furnished Council members by the City Clerk, the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that the minutes be approved as individually read by the Council in the Clerk's report. Upon being duly seconded by Councilman Long, the motion was unanimously adopted by the Council, and the minutes so approved.

The Civics Class from Austin High School was greeted and welcomed.

The matter of changing the name of East Avenue to "Broadway" was brought up for public hearing. MRS. PAUL B. GOLDMANN, Daughters of the Republic, G. H. NICHOLS, East Avenue Pharmacy; MRS. ERIC ANDERSON; MRS. MOLLY ALLISON, 180 East Avenue; A. B. ROSSON, 600 W. 6th; MRS. J. D. PANNEL; MRS. R. D. PARKER, PETE LUDWIG; and J. W. SAXON protested changing the name to "Broadway". MRS. MAUDE PRIDGEN appeared promoting the change. MR. BASCOM GILES stated perhaps a change would be in order, stating the far north part of the highway would hardly be called "East Avenue", as already confusion is present regarding the Cameron Road and East Avenue; but he opposed any change to SAM HOUSTON BOULEVARD, which he understood might be considered. He stated he had a letter in his files which indicated Sam Houston was ready to move the seat of government to Houston; and he was opposed, based on this letter, tonaming this street after him. MAYOR PRO-TEM DRAKE stated he felt the changing of the name was premature; COUNCILMAN LONG suggested a contest to select a name of the Council's consideration; COUNCILMAN

MacCORKLE felt he would not be in a position to decide at this time; and COUNCILMAN JOHNSON stated a number of business people had called him, nearly all stating the matter was premature. MR. L. BRADFIELD favored the name of "Broadway". After all had been heard, the Mayor Pro-tem closed the hearing, stating the Council would take this under consideration and would decide as soon as possible, but could not set a definite date for decision.

The Mayor Pro-tem signed a proclamation setting aside the month of October as COMMUNITY CHEST MONTH.

Hearing on the request of MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. HENNING, JR., for permission to maintain a nursery school at 604 W. 14th St. was held. MR. CHAS. C. CASEY appeared for Miss Teis to make inquiry if mentally retarded children would be cared for. Mrs. Henning informed him that was not the case.

Councilman Long then introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, John L. Henning, Jr. and Jean M. Henning have made application in writing for permission to use and maintain in a building an institution of an educational nature (children's nursery and care center), on the east 63 feet of Lot 2, Block 178, Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, the same being on the north side of West 14th Street and locally known as 604 West 14th Street, and is located in a "B" Residence District which under Section #5, Item #6 of the Zoning Ordinance, requires a special permit from the City Council; and

WHEREAS, this application has been considered and approved by the City Council of the City of Austin, therefore

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

THAT permission for the use and maintenance of this institution of an educational nature at the above described property be granted to John L. Henning, Jr. and Jean M. Henning.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That the final plat of the subdivision known as "Paxton Subdivision"

approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on September 14, 1950, be and the same is hereby accepted and authorized to be filed of record in the office of the County Clerk of Travis County, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas, and the ordinances of the City of Austin, and that this action of the City Council be indicated by appropriate notation, signed by the Mayor, on the Original plat of said subdivision prior to its recording in the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

ALMETA S. ROBINSON, Regional Director of the Colored Sorority, asked permission to hold a "TAG DAY" October 28th to raise funds to combat Juvenile Delinquency. The City Manager stated this was an administrative matter, and had been referred to the Legal Department, and their request could be granted.

Pursuant to published notice thereof, the following applications for change of zoning were publicly heard:

REX SHIELDS	1500-1502 E. 4th	From "E" Residence To "D" Industrial RECOMMENDED by the Zoning Board of Adjustment
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No one appeared in opposition to the change. Councilman MacCorkle moved that the recommendation of the Zoning Board be upheld, and the requested change granted, and the City Attorney instructed to draw up the necessary ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

MRS. VIRGIL SOUTHWORTH (By Erwin K. Stork, Atty.	1910 E. 1st Street	From "C" Commercial To "C-2" Commercial NOT Recommended by the Zoning Board of Adjustment
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MR. STORK AND MRS. SOUTHWORTH Appeared in their own behalf. Opposition was expressed by Mr. George S. Dowell, representing several property owners in that vicinity; Rev. S. M. Ashmore, W. C. Blundell, Rev. Harry Pesnell for the Baptist Goodwill Center; Miss Studeman, Director of the Goodwill Center; J.E. Jernigan. After all had been heard, Councilman Long moved that the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Adjustment be upheld and the requested change NOT granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Councilman Long inquired about the electric garbage disposals being installed in all kitchens, stating perhaps that would be a solution to the garbage problem, and that perhaps some assessment plan might be worked out on this. The City Manager stated it would create a disposal problem in the sanitary sewer system, as they would have to be enlarged faster than the City could do it; but the installation would be an ideal way of garbage disposal.

The Civics class entered into a discussion of the various problems of the City and made inquiries about the taxes. It was suggested that the group endorse the coming bond election to their parents.

Councilman Long asked that the Council consider setting the bond election on November 7th, General Election Day, as it would draw more voters, and save the city thousands of dollars. It was brought out there would be separate ballots and a separate set of voters. Councilman Long felt that the people would be imposed upon by being asked to vote twice, and the same judges served in both elections. Councilman Johnson favored the election on the 6th. The City Attorney was asked to advise the Council in this matter.

In the bond discussion, one gentleman asked that a ruling be given stating whether or not the bond issue would require a majority of votes or a two-thirds majority. It was explained under State Law, a majority of votes was necessary.

The Council received a report from the City Manager that the following requests for change of zoning were referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for consideration and recommendation:

BILL PAPPAS By J.T.Heath, Agt.	1809 San Jacinto Blvd.	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
MRS. ELLA MAE WEST- LING BERGSTROM	1224 E. 12th Street	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
BENNIE STARK	1814 & 1806 E. 19th 1902 Chicon St.	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial

There being no further business, the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED:

W S Grady  
Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

E. H. Hooley  
City Clerk