

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 11, 1952
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Drake presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Absent: None

Present also: W. E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr., City Attorney; C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works.

Councilman Johnson moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Council reset its meeting scheduled to be held on December 24th, to Tuesday, December 23rd, 1952, at 10:00 A.M.

The Council greeted students from the Seventh grade Social Studies Class at Fulmore Junior High School.

The Council set the following application for change of zoning for public hearing on JANUARY 8, 1953, at 11:00 A.M.:

HARVEY MASSEY

6505-07 Riverside Drive

From "A" Residence
To "C" Commercial

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Southern Union Gas Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore

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

THAT Southern Union Gas Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

(1) A gas main in WEST 50TH STREET, from Finley Drive to Strass Drive, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said WEST 50TH STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(2) A gas main in FINLEY DRIVE, from a point 15 feet north of West 50th Street southerly 220 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said FINLEY DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(3) A gas main in FINLEY DRIVE, from a point 95 feet north of West 48th Street south 525 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said FINLEY DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(4) A gas main in PERRY LANE, from Finley Drive westerly 62 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said PERRY LANE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(5) A gas main in WEST 48TH STREET, from Finley Drive to Chiappero Trail, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said WEST 48TH STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(6) A gas main in CHIAPPERO TRAIL, from West 48th Street

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That W. E. Seaholm, City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a release of the paving lien on Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Travis Heights, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, in consideration of the full payment of such paving assessment against such property by Mrs. Olga Bengener, the apparent owner.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Gray & Becker, Inc., in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain contract, copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said contract without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council. (On file under WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS - Contract File No. 664-C)

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

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Austin Corporation in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain contract, copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent

record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said contract without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council. (On file under WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS - Contract File No. 685-C)

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Karotkin Furniture Company, as occupant of a building owned by E. L. Steck Estate located on Lot 6 in Block 42, and a building owned by Jacob Schmidt on Lot 5 in Block 42, in the Original City of Austin, is modernizing such buildings; and,

WHEREAS, in order to beautify said buildings plans have been prepared providing for a facing to be attached to the present structures along the west walls thereof; Now, Therefore,

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

That Karotkin Furniture Company, E. L. Steck Estate, and Jacob Schmidt, are hereby authorized to construct such facing along the west walls of said buildings, as now located, such facing to be no more than five (5") inches thick.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following certificate from the City Tax Assessor and Collector:

"TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

"I certify that the tax assessment for the property hereinafter described in the name of Firestone Stores is incorrect for the following reasons:

"The original inventory submitted for the year 1952 erroneously showed the merchandise value as \$15,800, instead of \$21,067, according to verification from the representative of the property owner.

"I recommend that I be authorized to increase the assessed valuation on such property as follows:

YEAR	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	ORIGINAL ASSESSED VALUE	RECOMMENDED VALUE
1952	Merchandise	5,930	7,900
1952	Machinery and Equipment	2,640	2,640

(Sgd) T. B. Marshall
City Tax Assessor and Collector"

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City Tax Assessor and Collector has made a special investigation of the tax assessment hereinafter set forth and has found the same to be erroneous for the reasons stated in his certificate delivered to the City Council and filed with the City Clerk, and

WHEREAS, in such certificate the City Tax Assessor and Collector has recommended the adjustment, Now, Therefore,

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

That the following tax assessment for the year shown be, and the same is, hereby adjusted and corrected to fix the assessed value therein as indicated.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED VALUE</u>
1952	Merchandise	5,930	7,900
1952	Machinery and Equipment	2,640	2,640

And the City Tax Assessor and Collector is authorized and directed to make such change in the tax rolls.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following certificate from the Tax Assessor and Collector:

"TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

"I certify that the tax assessment for the property hereinafter described in the name of Jack O. Hays is incorrect for the following reasons:

"A reclassification of the improvements, due to certain constructional features not previously noted, indicates that the original assessed value was excessive and should be adjusted.

"I recommend that I be authorized to reduce the assessed valuation on such property as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED VALUE</u>
1952	Improvements only, Lot 40, Block D, Shoalmont Addition, Section 4, Plat 371, Item 40, 5606 Shady Oak Court.	4,070	3,930

(Sgd) T. B. Marshall
City Tax Assessor and Collector"

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City Tax Assessor and Collector has made a special investigation of the tax assessment hereinafter set forth and has found the same to be erroneous for the reasons stated in his certificate delivered to the City Council and filed with the City Clerk, and

WHEREAS, in such certificate the City Tax Assessor and Collector has recommended the adjustment, Now Therefore,

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

That the following tax assessment for the year shown be, and the same is hereby adjusted and corrected to fix the assessed value therein as indicated.

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And the City Tax Assessor and Collector is authorized and directed to make such change in the tax rolls.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following certificate from the City Tax Assessor and Collector:

"TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

"I certify that the tax assessment for the property hereinafter described in the name of The B. F. Goodrich Company is incorrect for the following reasons:

"The original inventory submitted for the year 1952 erroneously showed the merchandise value as \$20,000 instead of \$39,514, according to verification from the representative of the property owner."

"I recommend that I be authorized to increase the assessed valuation on such property as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED VALUE</u>
1952	Furniture and Fixtures	240	240
1952	Merchandise	7,500	14,820
1952	Shop Equipment	2,640	2,640

(Sgd) T. B. Marshall
City Tax Assessor and Collector"

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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WHEREAS, in such certificate the City Tax Assessor and Collector has recommended the adjustment, Now Therefore,

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

That the following tax assessment for the year shown be, and the same is, hereby adjusted and corrected to fix the assessed value therein as indicated.

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1952	Merchandise	7,500	14,820
1952	Shop Equipment	2,640	2,640

And the City Tax Assessor and Collector is authorized and directed to make such change in the tax rolls.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

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 "Ebony Acres" approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on December 4, 1952, 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 MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman MacCorkle 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 "Carson Ridge Addition", approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on December 4, 1952, 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 White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

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 "Mayfield Subdivision", approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on December 4, 1952, 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, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

The Council received the following recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board:

"The Parks and Recreation Board at its regular meeting November 10, 1952, voted to recommend to the City Council that the triangular park at the corner of East Live Oak and South Congress Avenue be curbed to eliminate parking. It was pointed out that this small park area was being used as a parking lot for the Benefit of the people attending the Austin Theatre.

"The Board felt that this park is an approach to the City, and should be attractive and well maintained.

Present and Voting:

"Ayes: Mr. Frank D. Quinn, Dr. D. K. Brace, Mrs. Fagan Dickson, Mr. W. T. Caswell, and Mrs. Frank Davol

Nays: None

"(Sgd) Frank D. Quinn, Chairman
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD"

Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to look into this and work it in if possible. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Council received the following recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board:

"The Parks and Recreation Board at its regular meeting November 10, 1952, voted to recommend that the City Council purchase land in Area 44, according to the Planning Report. This tract of 5.84 lies beside a similar portion of ground owned by the Austin Public Schools.

"It is now owned by Mr. Sam Allred, who is offering the land for sale for the City of Austin.

Present and voting:

"Ayes: Mr. Frank D. Quinn, Dr. D. K. Brace, Mrs. Fagan Dickson, Mr. W. T. Caswell and Mrs. Frank Davol

"Nays: None

"(Sgd) Frank D. Quinn, Chairman
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD "

Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to carry out the plans that are now being worked on and purchase the land or take an option on it or whatever is necessary. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Council received the following recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board:

"December 9, 1952

"The Parks and Recreation Board at its regular meeting December 8, 1952, moved to recommend to the City Council that the golf fees be increased from 75¢ to 85¢ for 18 holes, and from 40¢ to 50¢ for 9 holes. Mr. Sheffield, Director of Recreation, stated that some adjustment in fees needed to be made in anticipation of the operation of the Hancock Golf Course as a 9 hole course. At the present time, there is no fee for 9 holes except after 5:00 p. m. This same policy of being allowed to play only 9 holes will still be in effect at the Municipal Golf Course.

"The Parks and Recreation Board, also, moved to accept the recommendation of Mr. Sheffield that the present practice of free women's day at the Municipal and Hancock Golf Courses be continued; however, the free golf days should be held on the same day. Now, it is being held on two different days during the week, which allows the women to play once each week at each course without charge.

"Present and Voting:

"Ayes: Mr. Frank D. Quinn, Dr. D. K. Brace, Mr. W. T. Caswell, Mrs. Frank Davol, Mrs. C. E. Browning, Mr. Nash Moreno, Mrs. Alden Davis

"Nays: None

"(Sgd) Frank D. Quinn, Chairman
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD"

Councilman MacCorkle moved that the recommendation as outlined in the letter from the Parks Board dated December 9, 1952, be adopted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

The City Manager, with regard to the increase of golf fees, stated these fees would be effective January 1st.

Councilman White moved that a public hearing on the Budget be set for December 23, 1952. The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Councilman Johnson moved that the Junior League children be thanked for their letter of appreciation to the Council for the Symphony concerts. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Councilman Long was interested in a study of some of the streets, particularly Bull Creek Road to see how much the maintenance was on that street for this year for the spraying, etc. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to make a study of at least two or three streets, including Bull Creek Road. The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

The Mayor asked that also an approximate cost of paving be included in the report on Bull Creek Road. The City Manager stated the Legislature was going to be asked for an appropriation for paving their part of the street.

Councilman MacCorkle inquired of the advantage of the City's using a system of renting cars, as was being used in some other cities. The City Manager stated a study is now being made; that as long as the used car market was good, it might work out; but if it went to the bottom, that would be a different question. However a study is under way.

Pursuant to published notice thereof, public hearings were held on the following applications for changes of zoning:

BEN H. POWELL

914 Lamar Blvd.

From "C" Commercial
To "C-1" Commercial
RECOMMENDED by the Zoning
Commission 11-18-52

MR. HERMAN JONES represented the applicant. MR. CHARLES HUNTLEY, MRS. D. RICHARDSON, LAWRENCE LEDBETTER, 910 Baylor; MRS. CHARLES HUNTLEY, D. B. THRASHER, appeared in opposition. After much discussion, the Mayor asked that those who favored upholding the recommendation of the Zoning Commission, granting the change, and instructing the City Attorney to draw the necessary ordinance to vote "aye"; those opposed, vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted.

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A. G. FERRIS

1210 Barton Springs
Road

From "C-1" Commercial
To "C-2" Commercial
RECOMMENDED by the Zoning
Commission

No opposition appeared. The Mayor asked that those who favored upholding the recommendation of the Zoning Commission to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll Call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted and stated that the City Attorney would draw the necessary ordinance.

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OCTAVIO NESTER MAR-
TINEZ

2708 E. 1st St.

From "C" Commercial
To "C-1" Commercial
NOT RECOMMENDED by the
Zoning Commission on 11-
18-52.

The Mayor asked that those in favor of following the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and denying the change to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no".

Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: Councilman Long

The Mayor announced that the change had been denied.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 12:15 subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED:

W D Drake Jr
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elis Mosley
City Clerk