

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

July 29, 1954  
10:00 A.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

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

Invocation was delivered by REV. LUTHER NORMAN, Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MR. THEODORE DAVIS and MR. SCOTT HARRIS came before the Council regarding paving in McKinley Heights Addition, with particular interest in East 13th and East 19th Streets between Harvey and Airport Boulevard. Councilman Pearson said that after the Highway project was completed, there might be some money left for paving, and he inquired as to the position of this particular petition. The City Manager believed there would be around \$200,000. Councilman Long inquired about the drainage in this area, and it was stated there would be some improvements, but they would not involve too much. Councilman Thompson outlined the procedure and the participation of the City in the paving, and inquired of the reaction of Mr. Davis and Mr. Harris if the City were to cut its participation from 35% + 40% to 10% and paving four times as many streets, adding approximately \$75.00 to the cost of paving for the owner of a 50' lot. Mr. Davis and Mr. Harris both stated they would be willing to go along with it just to get the paving. The City Manager was to give the Council a report on the status of this paving by August 19th.

No action was taken on the application of MRS. LESLIE GREEN, 908 E. 37th for a day nursery, and the matter was to be brought up the following week, August 5th. There was opposition by petition. MRS. D. H. HART, 37th & Red River, appeared, having no objection to the Nursery, but not wanting others coming in or the zoning changed. She inquired about paving this street. Councilman Thompson asked her reaction to the City's paying less on the paving program, and

the property owners paying more. She stated she was willing to pay just to get it paved.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Mrs. R. C. Clark has made application in writing for permission to use and maintain in her residence a day nursery complying with all City and State regulations, on Lot 10, Block 6, Gammel Taylor Addition, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, the same being on the east side of Dongfellow Street and locally known as 2101 Longfellow Street, which property is located in an "A" Residence District and under Section #4, Item 13a 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 a day nursery at the location described above be granted to Mrs. R. C. Clark.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden

Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chester A. Peterson has made application in writing for permission to use and maintain in her residence a day nursery complying with all City and State regulations, on Lot 12, Block 9, Alta Vista Addition, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, the same being on the west side of Bellvue Avenue and locally known as 4204 Bellvue Avenue, which property is located in an "A" Residence District and under Section #4, Item 13a 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 a day nursery at the location described above be granted to Mrs. Chester A. Peterson.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden

Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Mrs. J. L. Jackson has made application in writing for permission to use and maintain in her residence a day nursery complying with all City and State regulations, on the west 50 feet of Lots 10 and 11, Block 1, Fruth Addition, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, the same being on the south side of West 30th Street and locally known as 503 West 30th Street, which property is located in a "B" Residence District and 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 a day nursery at the location described above be granted to Mrs. J. L. Jackson.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

Councilman Long noted the cooperation of the State Welfare Department with the Health Department in making a drive to get the operators to get their permits and thereby keep them under closer check by the fire and health inspectors.

No action was taken on rescinding the ordinance closing the alley between San Gabriel and Leon Streets in the 2200 Block as the matter will be brought up the following week August 5th, when both attorneys can be present. MR. TRUEMAN E. O'QUINN represented the property owners who requested the closing of the alley. Mr. O'Quinn believed that the Council now could reopen the alley only through condemnation proceedings or by purchase, and not by rescinding the ordinance, and that this was a matter of property rights between the neighbors. This was put on the agenda for the first thing on August 5th.

MR. TOM LONG appeared in regard to the Wrecker Ordinance, outlining its provisions of licensing all wreckers, requiring certain equipment and insurance, prohibiting wreckers from going to scenes of accidents unless called by the Police Department, and setting up the rotation list. He objected to the rotation list, as it put his clients who had spend lots on advertisement and built up their business on the same footing with anyone with a truck with a boom on it. Section 13 was set up in the ordinance to prevent investigating officers from influencing people to call certain wreckers, and to keep the wrecker ordinance from becoming a racket like it did in San Antonio. Councilman White asked if he thought the ordinance was alright if property enforced. Mr. Long did, and thought it was sound in theory, but had not worked out--had never been enforced and he did not know if it were incapable of being enforced or not. He stated that although the wrecker companies were not permitted to be at the scene of accident, they found out about numerous violations of the ordinance, and he stated he would give some specific instances of these violations--a woman rendered

unconscious and remained so for 13 hours, and she was reported to have made a selection for a particular company. The most common violation is that a citizen will ask specifically for a regular garage that does his work, and be advised by the Police that they had called some other wrecker company. Councilman Long knew this to be true, and the Council had taken it up, and had established that was not the proper practice, as the person was allowed to, under this ordinance, to call the wrecker he chose as long as it met the standards. Every wrecker in this town and every person that had been in a collision has had that same experience, and she knew what he was saying was true. Mr. Long reported on a meeting with COVERT, CAPITOL CHEVROLET, ELLIS & SALAZAR, STELFOX, and others about this matter. He had appeared before the show-up of the police and explained to the officers and requested that they be properly advised, but they did not follow up and in four years there has been nothing done. He stated he would not say they never got any attention, because one man went two weeks without getting a single call. He appeared before the City Attorney's office and before the police. He complained to BOB BURNS, and thereafter got 10 calls in a row in one week's time. These companies wanted to formally request that the Council repeal this ordinance in its entirety; and in order to solve the problem of wreckers running to the scenes of accidents, the companies are willing to install on every wrecker a governor limiting the speed to 20-25 miles per hour; and want to open this up again to free business enterprise so they can advertise and solicit business. They did not want the acute gross favoritism that has grown up under this ordinance as Austin was too fine and clean for petty graft. Mr. Long stated an alternate in their request would be for the city to purchase and operate its own wreckers, as it was costing between \$400.00 and \$600.00 a month to operate one wrecker, and they could not afford the economic loss under the way this was being run. He stated the situation had become intolerable; that they had complained; had gone to the City Attorney's Office, and the Police Department, and they knew and could prove point by point repeated violations, graft and favoritism under the ordinance as it has been administered the last four years. Councilman Thompson asked if he wanted to let that statement stand, and Mr. Long stated that he did not, and he would like to amend the statement, that he did not want to go quite that far, and that he was carried away in the heat of argument and would like to apologize; but he did want to say, he could prove repeated violations of it. He had explained the ordinance to the Police and had been advised that the Police Department had explained the ordinance to the department. He had been advised, and it was strictly hearsay of paint jobs being done below cost; of automotive repairs being done below cost; of hunting and fishing trips being taken. He stated he could prove direct and repeated violations and violations practically on a daily basis on the enforcement of the ordinance. He again requested for his clients that the Council repeal the ordinance and work out with them some way of limiting the speed and solving the problem, or that the City buy its own wrecker. Councilman Pearson felt that the ordinance had good intent and that the speeding of wreckers was one of the most dangerous things the City had confronting them. If there is a wreck, there you will have 10 wreckers and 10 salesmen to get that job from one who is completely confused and upset. There would be that problem to correct. He inquired if the City of San Antonio owned its wreckers, and stated he would hate to see the City go into any other business. Mr. Long stated he could prove a daily violation of this ordinance where a person would ask for a particular wrecker company, and the officer would tell them that they were "no good--they would rob you--they will cheat you" and then recommend someone else. Councilman White thought the ordinance was a good ordinance; and if there were violations in its enforcement, he wanted to see them corrected.

and stick to the ordinance. Councilman Thompson inquired about the fee, and if it were a common thing to lose money in the wrecker department. Mr. Long explained the fee was not the important thing, but the fact a car is brought in gives that company a terrific advantage in getting the repair job. Councilman Long stated the thing that amazed her about the ordinance and lack of understanding by the Police Department, and it is brought to the Council is when a citizen has a minor wreck or a wreck and requests his garage, he is denied the right to have that man pull his car in. Councilman Thompson stated this was not the time to hold a court of inquiry and take testimony, and if a hearing is to be held, it should be conducted as a proper hearing. If acquiations were going to be blasted of our Police Department, and there was to be a hearing, then the proper representatives of the Police Department should be there. MR. DOUGLAS SCALES, Covert Automobile Company, claimed that about three of four weeks ago there were four wrecks, and one particular company got all four. There were so many people there soliciting for this company, and he was there personally soliciting the business, that the officer could not even get close to the person to talk to him. An insurance adjuster said he wanted Stelfox to get his car, but it went to U.S. Body Shop. Mr. Scales thought the ordinance was perfect, if we just had a Police Department to back it up. He had taken the matters to the Chief of Police, and he had said he knew it was not working right. Councilman Thompson again suggested that this was not the place now to hold this hearing. Councilman Long stated as long as she was on the Council any time any citizen wanted to come before the Council they were to be heard when they were here. The Mayor stated this would be heard on August 12th at 10:30. Councilman Long moved that the Council continue to hear the people here this morning on the wrecker ordinance; and if the Council wants to set a public hearing on the 12th as the Mayor suggested, that will be perfectly all right by this motion, but that these people be heard and the Council make its investigation later. Councilman White seconded the motion. After more discussion, roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

Councilman White believed this was the people's business, and the general public could come to the Council with their recommendations. Mr. Long again stated there was an acute situation; that they knew of repeated and constant violations of the ordinance and had tried dilligently to do something about it--had gone to the police; had given them information to check into; had asked for an educational program; was invited to appear at a show-up to explain the ordinance ; but there is not a month ~~passes~~ but what someone goes to the Legal Department and says, "this is what happened" and no action has been taken. The City Attorney stated no automoblie owner had ever called them and told them that they were not treated fairly. Mr. Long stated he was notthere to accuse any one in their absence and try a case, but he wanted to bring this to the Council's attention. Councilman White stated he was glad they came up, as it gives the Council something to something to study about. He would not sit there and condemn the Police Department until there was an investigation, but had these gentlemen not come up, he might never have heard about it. Mr. Scales stated Mr. Paul Brown with Flahive Insurance Agency was at an accident and saw irregularities, and he want to the Chief of Police. He said it was wrong, but never did get around to it. The City ordinance is perfect if the policemen would put it into effect. He would not run wrecks if the ordinance were rescinded.

Councilman Thompson expressed concern over these wrecker companies and to see that everybody got a fair deal. He was not going to shout recriminations against the Police Department, but that did mean he was not interested in seeing that the Police Department functioned properly. Councilman Long stated she spent lots of time working with the people of Austin, and she believed the City Council represented the people, and when they wanted something or needed something that they had not received from the City Administration, they were entitled to come before the Council and register their complaints, and not be gagged. The Mayor announced that this would be heard at 2:30, August 12th.

The Mayor announced that public hearing would be held on the paving of East 19th Street and West 45th Street. The City Attorney stated this involved the assessment for the cost of improving West 45th Street from the east property line of Burnet Road to the west property line of Guadalupe; and East 19th Street from the east property line of East Avenue to the west property line of Airport Boulevard. Notice of hearing was published in the American Statesman on July 17, 18, and 19th, 1954. The streets involved are to be paved, curb and gutter installed, and it is proposed that the full cost of the curb and gutter installation be assessed against the abutting property owners on the usual assessment basis.

MRS. ARTICE HUDSON, 2951 Higgins, although she had no objections to paving, did not think this would benefit her, as this was a highway connection two major highways, and the trucking firms would get the benefit from the paving. East 19th ran at the back of her lot, and the street in front of them was already paved. Mrs. Hudson noted a constant increase in taxes.

MR. WARREN H. HASTINGS, 2949 Higgins, did not believe the curbing and guttering of his lot would help him any as his home faced on Higgins, and his back yard was fenced. It was explained to them the approximate amount it would cost for payments including interest over a seven year period.

No one else appeared in the hearing. Councilman Long moved that the Council close this hearing on the improvements on West 45th Street from Burnet Road to Guadalupe and on East 19th Street from East Avenue to Airport Boulevard, and instruct the City Attorney to draw the necessary ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilman Thompson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

MR. T. W. REED appeared before the Council. He had come up the previous week inquiring whether or not he was in the City limits. The City Attorney had checked into this and found that Mr. Reed's property was in the City limits. Mr. Reed had farmed for 10 years, and believed his taxes on this farm property were too high. He was referred to the Tax Department to make a recheck of his taxes.

Councilman Long moved that any subdivision being annexed to the City that has already had its plat approved and filed and that would not necessarily be bound by the present ordinance, be required to comply with the present subdivision ordinance before utility contracts are entered into. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

Mayor McAden brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 8.98 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE THOMAS J. CHAMBERS SURVEY, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN THE PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor McAden brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 2.528 ACRES OF LAND BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THAT CERTAIN 7.96 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, A PORTION OF THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NO. 57 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN THE PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor McAden 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 BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND SIXTH HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON LOTS 28 AND 29, BLOCK 13, NORA ECK RESUBDIVISION OF SWISHER ADDITION AND ON LOTS 29, 30, 31 AND 32, BLOCK 8 (RESUBDIVIDED), SWISHER ADDITION, ALL IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULES REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Pearson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor McAden 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 BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND SIXTH HEIGHT



AND AREA DISTRICT ON LOTS 1,2,3,4,5,6 AND 7, BLOCK A; AND LOTS 1,2,5,6,7,8,9,10 AND 11, BLOCK B; AND LOTS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, AND 9, BLOCK C, IN BOWLING GREEN ADDITION, CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULES REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Pearson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor McAden introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAME, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN MAY 6, 1937, AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "K", PAGES 159-179, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 12(a) OF ARTICLE III RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Pearson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"June 29, 1954

"Memo to: Mr. W. E. Seaholm, City Manager  
From : D. C. Kinney, Superintendent Electric Division  
Subject : Boiler Feed Pumps to Specification No. E279 in old Power Plant No. 1

"Quotations were received on June 16 for 2 - boiler feed pumps to replace old pumps installed in 1930 and replacement parts are out of production.

"Tabulation is as follows:

	<u>A.M.Lockett</u> <u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Byron Jackson</u> <u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Byron Jackson</u> <u>Alternate</u>
1. 2 Pumps & Motors	\$7,928.00	\$9,640.00	\$8,026.00
2. Spare parts	590.00	770.00	615.00
TOTAL	\$8,518.00	\$10,410.00	\$8,641.00
Delivery	180 days	120 days	120 days

"Bids were analyzed and recommend that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, A. M. Lockett, Company, for the sum of \$8,518.00

(Sgd) D. C. Kinney  
D. C. Kinney, Superintendent  
Electric Division

Approved  
W. E. Seaholm  
City Manager"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on June 16, 1954, for the purchase of two boiler feed pumps and replacement parts for Power Plant No. 1; and,

WHEREAS, the total bid of A. M. Lockett Company in the sum of \$8,518.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Superintendent of the Electric Division of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

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

That the total bid of A. M. Lockett Company in the sum of \$8,518.00 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. E. Seaholm, City Manager of the City of Austin, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with the A. M. Lockett Company.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden

Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following:

"July 28, 1954

"Memo to: Mr. W. E. Seaholm, City Manager

From : D. C. Kinney, Superintendent Electric Division

"Bids were opened on July 27, 1954 at 2:00 P.M., for the construction of 1300 feet of electric duct line on Brazos Street between East 6th Street Alley and East 10th Street Alley. Engineers estimate for this work is \$11,310.00. These bids are tabulated as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Lump Sum Bid</u>
"Karl Wagner Construction Company	\$10,904.00
Joe Bland Construction Company	17,200.00
Austin Engineering Company	14,380.00
Lay Construction Company	16,164.00
Maufrais Bros.	11,996.00

"I recommend that we accept the low bid of Karl Wagner Construction Company for \$10,904.00 for the construction of this duct line in accordance with City of Austin Specification No. 283.

"(Sgd) D.C.K.  
D.C.Kinney, Superintendent  
Electric Division

"Approved:  
W.E. Seaholm  
City Manager"

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on July 27, 1954, for the construction of 1300 feet of electric duct line on Brazos Street

between East 6th Street Alley and East 10th Street Alley; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Karl Wagner Construction Company in the sum of \$10,904.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Superintendent of the Electric Division of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

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

That the bid of Karl Wagner Construction Company in the sum of \$10,904.00 be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. E. Seaholm, City Manager of the City of Austin, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with the Karl Wagner Construction Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden  
Noes: None

Discussion of the personnel policies was postponed until the following week.

The Mayor announced a bona fide offer for the east 40 acres of the Hancock Tract of \$300,000 provided it could be made commercial for a community center, and that 150-160' facing on Red River would be left Residence "A". Councilman White expressed opposition in selling any park land. This was a gold course and has been considered park land, and he was opposed to its sale; however, he would not oppose the sale of 200-300' on Airport Boulevard, provided the rest remained for park purposes. The Mayor said there was a million dollar development planned on this area. Councilman Long was opposed to selling any park land, and stated she had tried to get this particular tract dedicated sometime back. Councilmen Thompson, Long, and Pearson all inquired if this was enough money for a tract of land like this. Councilman Pearson suggested postponing this discussion for two weeks.

Discussion was held on pending projects--the Mayor brought up the improvement of the Congress Avenue Bridge, the topping of Congress Avenue, and the construction of the Morris Williams Golf Course. Councilman Thompson suggested anytime there was any money, to start the paving fund.

Councilman Long submitted a request from the GIBSON PRODUCTS COMPANY 205 Colorado for one-hour parking in front of their business, as it was established across the street. They either want one or two-hour parking, or a loading zone. They have the all-day parkers in front of their business as it is now, and MR. LAY had made his study, but no action had been taken yet.

Councilman Pearson inquired about the report on the Auditorium. The City Manager reported a meeting on Friday, August 6, when the consultants would meet with the Architects. Councilman Thompson inquired if any plans had been formulated to sell the bonds. The City Manager stated they would use the figures of this consultant to prepare their brochures.

Councilman Long stated there was a vacancy on the Airport Committee. Also she inquired if there was someone studying the long-range plan. The City Manager explained what was being done--the study made and that an application had been submitted for federal aid for airports.

Councilman Long had a letter signed "three tax payers" reporting a city employee buying fish bait and that they resented very much people using city vehicles for fishing, and were reporting this to the Council. They did not sign the letter. The City Manager stated he could have looked into this if they had given the number of the car and more information.

There being no further business the Council adjourned at 12:55 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Olaf H. Gentry  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elvis Hoosley  
City Clerk