

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin will be held on the 5th day of October, 1954, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado, in Austin, Texas, at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing and deciding upon a proposal to submit to Planning Consultants to enable them to present estimates on preparing a Master Plan.

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley  
City Clerk

(Sgd) C. A. McAden  
Mayor  
City of Austin, Texas

ATTEST:

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley  
City Clerk

## CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council, hereby adcept service of the foregoing notice, waiving any and all irregularities in such service and such notice, and consent and agree that said City Council shall meet at the time and place therein named, and for the purpose therein stated.

(Sgd) Wesley Pearson

(Sgd) Ted R. Thompson

(Sgd) Mrs. Stuart (Emma) Long

(Sgd) Ben White

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

October 5, 1954  
8:00 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

The Mayor announced that this meeting was called for the purpose of discussing a proposal to submit to consultants to enable them to present their estimates on preparing a Master Plan.

Present were KARL KAMRATH and MAX BROOKS, State Planning Board; MARTIN KERMACY, HUGO KUEHNE, Chairman, MRS. HELEN MITCHELL, BEN HIBBETTS, JOHN BROAD, JOE MANOR, CORWIN JOHNSON, City Plan Commission; IRBY CARRUTH, ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM, Austin Public Schools; CHARLES BURTON, Chamber of Commerce; T. R. BLACK, Adjutant General's Department; ED BLUESTEIN, TRAVIS LONG, State Highway Department; TOM JOHNSON, County Judge; MRS. R. P. WAGNER, MRS OSCAR MAURER, League of Women Voters; JAMES JONES, State Board of Control; CHARLES SPARENBERG, University of Texas; PROFESSOR HUGO LEIPZIGER, Professor of Architecture and Planning; JACK GOODMAN, ROBERT STEIN, State Hospital Board., R.H. GREEN, City Planning Dept.

MR. KERMACY submitted the following:

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR  
COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN, AUSTIN, TEXAS

Scope

The following outline presents the magnitude of assembling the base data for each of the various categories which formulate a comprehensive plan. A Master Plan developed on the basis of this outline is intended to be supplemented by the local planning agency. Certain phases of the major plan, such as on extensive utility survey may require occasional additional consultant service. The general plan, however, will prove adequate for many years in the design of adequate community services.

Preliminary Report

The preliminary report will for each of the named categories identify the characteristics of the planning problems within our city. Statistical

data will be obtained and analyzed, field check will be made, and sketches reviewed; thus providing fundamental and substantial basis for making a final report and plan.

### Master Plan Report

The Master Plan report is the assembling of the many completed preliminary surveys, studies, and physical plans. Population characteristics are related to the utility needs. Thoroughfares are proposed using the base data now available. Public hearings are held and ordinances passed. Thus a comprehensive plan develops and assumes its proper role in the orderly development of our many services and facilities.

### MASTER PLAN PROGRAM

#### 210 PLANNING ADMINISTRATION

Purpose: To formulate general policies with respect to application and enforcement of planning laws and regulations (by establishing a uniform policy).

#### 320 CITY CHARACTER AND APPEARANCE

Purpose: To improve the physical appearance of the City and to encourage the general improvement and physical appearance of private property.

#### 340 DEFENSE AND DISASTER

Purpose: A. Develop basic studies and information necessary in preparation of adequate civil defense plans;  
b. Preparation of basic plans dealing with those physical elements of the community related to civil defense.

#### 400 POPULATION

Purpose: To determine and analyze the past trends, the present characteristics, and the anticipated future development of Austin population in terms of

- a. Quantity, density, and character
- b. Growth patterns
- c. Social, pathological, and health characteristics.

#### 450 ECONOMICS

Purpose: a. To forecast the growth of the community and the facilities and land required for various purposes.  
b. To formulate a sound program for the future development of the community's economic resources.

#### 500 HOUSING AND BUILDING

Purpose: a. To determine how well existing buildings and public services and facilities are being used to meet the needs of the community with respect to residential,

- commercial, and industrial activity.
- b. To develop a plan for the better use of these structures and to indicate their relationship to other aspects of community development such as schools, neighborhood units, transportation system.

#### 600 PUBLIC FINANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Purpose: To state what improvements are needed in order to accomplish the other parts of the comprehensive plan; to indicate the revenue and the operating and maintenance expenditures which would be necessary; and to indicate the priority in which various improvements should be done.

#### 700 BASE MAPS

Purpose: The basis for giving graphic presentation to assembled data and to show the existing pattern of community development (existing character). Basis and means for showing plan proposals and adopted plans.

#### 730 OWNERSHIP AND POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

Purpose: To develop basic data regarding City growth with respect to land ownership and various political boundaries (City schools) and to aid in establishment of a City annexation policy.

#### 740 VALUATION

Purpose: Development of the factors of the City's economic characteristics so as to analyze the City's ability to pay for essential elements of a Capital Improvements Program and to provide a general analysis of the community in its entirety with its respect to high and low tax value areas.

#### 750 LAND USE

Purpose: An inventory of all parcels of land and the usage to which each is being put and of the use, character, condition, height, size, and occupancy of all buildings and structures and their yard space.

#### 751 PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND LANDS

- Purpose:
- To classify the various types of public buildings and lands in Austin.
  - To determine the character of each class of public land and building.
  - To analyze the relationship of the public buildings and land in terms of the growth patterns of the community and of the State.

#### 800 SUBDIVISIONS

Purpose: Development of design standards and refinement of subdivision rules and regulations (for future platting).

900 SCHOOLS

\*Purpose: Determination of adequacy of school plant facilities, suitability of existing facilities, general determination of future requirements in terms of general system needs and needs of specific areas.

960 RECREATION FACILITIES

Purpose: Integration previously approved recreation plan with evolving features of the Master Plan; reevaluation of adequacy and suitability of existing and proposed facilities.

1020 STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

Purpose: To determine what facilities are needed and where in order to adequately handle present and future traffic demand; and to provide a plan for the protection and preservation of existing routes and routes which will develop in the future.

1060 PARKING

Purpose: To analyze and develop a plan for off-street parking facilities in the downtown, the University, and in other concentrated suburban locations. To develop positive recommendations as a continuing matter for the extension of off-street parking facilities in existing areas and to insure provision of adequate facilities in new developments.

1070 TRAFFIC

Purpose: To determine the characteristics for the movement of motor vehicles within the urban area. To gather statistical data on the present volume, past growth, and the future volume. Relate the movement characteristics to the existing street pattern and make adequate provisions for the movement of vehicles.

1120 AIR TRANSPORTATION

Purpose: a. Establish characteristics of air transportation needs of Austin.  
b. To analyze those factors which determine the most appropriate location for air facilities for Austin.  
c. To set up a program for and to show the extent of needed Capital Improvements for air transportation.

1130 BUS, TRUCK, AND LOCAL TRANSIT

Purpose: To determine needs of bus, trucking, and transit facilities serving Austin with respect to terminal facilities and co-ordination with other transportation means.

\*See also Public Buildings and Land

1140 RAILROADS

- Purpose: a. To determine the function and character of the railroads in Austin.
- b. To analyze the railroad facilities in terms of existing and anticipated development of the City.

1200 UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES

- Purpose: a. To analyze the physical components of the Master Plan such as transit and transportation, land use, population, zoning, topography, major street plans, and general street pattern and to determine utility needs.
- b. To analyze utilities and services in terms of those factors tending to noticeably change demands and requirements such as trends in home building, air conditioning, sewage disposal facilities, water and sewage treatment processes, subdivision platting, and development.

1300 NEIGHBORHOODS

- Purpose: To divide the City into areas or units which can be expected to have certain characteristics homogeneity and which share problems of schools, recreational facilities, streets, shopping centers, and other community services and facilities and for purpose of accessing city-wide needs in terms of local needs (to evaluate city-wide needs).

1400 ZONING

- Purpose: Serves as the primary means of accomplishing those parts of the Master Plan through regulation having to do with the use and development of private property.

COUNCILMAN THOMPSON suggested that this be discussed at this meeting with those interested to be sure that the scope of this plan covers and includes all the categories or whether others should be added. MR. CHARLES BURTON, Chamber of Commerce, stated this inventory seemed complete. MR. MAX BROOKS and MR. KARL KAMARATH, State Planning Board, stated they were satisfied with the program, as everything the State Planning Commission had been charged to do was included in this Plan. MR. CHARLES SPARENBERG, University of Texas, thought the outline was a very complete one, and that the University was covered in the plan. JUDGE TOM JOHNSON, County Judge, complimented the State Commission and the City Plan Commission on this outline, and he wanted the fringe areas of the city included. MR. IRBY CARRUTH, Austin Public Schools, was interested in the plan from the standpoint of working with the City and Recreation Department getting the school sites and play areas adjacent, streets, and utilities, etc. MR. JAMES JONES, Board of Control, said the outline looked very good, and the State Construction program would be worked out in the over-all planning in the city. He inquired about the industrial development. MR. LEIPZIGER was impressed with the amount of work already done in this schedule

and suggested that Austin acquaint itself with the provisions of the New Housing Act, Title I, and try to work towards the necessary legislation.

Councilman Thompson stated the specifications did not include the proposal for industrial areas and business aspects of the community. MR. KAMRATH suggested that Item 1500 be added and called "Industrial". Councilman Long moved that the Council accept that amendment as suggested by Mr. Kamarath that 1500 "Industrial" be added, and that this outline be adopted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

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

There being no further business the Council adjourned at 9:15 P.M.  
subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk