

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 22nd day of September, 1954, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado, in Austin, Texas, at 3:00 P. M., for the purpose of considering matters pertaining to the Budget.

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley
City Clerk

(Sgd) C. A. McAden
Mayor

ATTEST:

(Sgd) Elsie Woosley
City Clerk

(Seal)

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council, hereby accept 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) Ben White
(Sgd) Wesley Pearson
(Sgd) Emma Long
(Sgd) Ted Thompson

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

September 22, 1954
3:00 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

Present also: W. E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr., City Attorney; C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works; J. D. Huffman, Jr., Director of Finance; T. B. Marshall, Tax Assessor and Collector.

The Mayor announced this meeting was called for the purpose of considering matters pertaining to the budget.

The City Manager stated there appeared to be \$509,800,000 full valuation, which gave an assessed valuation of \$382,350,000, which was about \$14,000 less than had been figured. He recommended the following as a tax rate:

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| | Schools | .59 | Operation |
| | City | .62 | Operation |
| | Schools | .27 | Interest and Sinking Fund |
| | City | .34 | Interest and Sinking Fund |
| TOTAL: | Schools | .86 | |
| | City | .96 | |
| | | <u>\$1.82</u> | |

Councilman Pearson moved that the Council adopt the \$1.82 as the tentative tax rate for 1955 for the Schools and the City. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

In the discussion of voting on the working hour week for the employees, Councilman Thompson believed there was discrimination, particularly with reference to the Police Department; in that there was 12½ cut in hours for the

Fire Department and $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ increase in wages for the Police; cutting $12\frac{1}{2}$ hours from the Fire Department and 4 hours for other employees. He asked that the Council submit the initiative ordinance to the vote of the people. Councilman Long moved that the Council accept the City Manager's recommendation of a 40-hour week for city employees; 63-hour week for the firemen; and $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ increase in wages for the Policemen. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor McAden

Noes: Councilman Thompson

The Mayor submitted a list of department heads whose salaries were not raised when the employees were given a blanket raise, and recommended that this group be given a 5% increase. Councilman White moved that the Council raise the department heads 5% with the exception of those who were raised last year (Director of Recreation, Judge of Corporation Court, Fire Marshal, City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk) to be effective January 1, 1955. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Pearson, White, Mayor McAden

Noes: Councilmen Long, Thompson

*Councilman Pearson stated he voted for this with understanding it applied to those who have been with the city over a year.

Mayor McAden introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1954 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EACH DEPARTMENT, PROJECT AND ACCOUNT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor McAden

Noes: None

Councilman Thompson inquired of the legality of the Council's not complying with the firemen's petition of either passing the ordinance contained therein or submitting it for vote of the people. The City Attorney explained the matter.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 3:45 subject to the call of the Mayor.

ATTEST:

Elaine Hooley
City Clerk

APPROVED:

C. A. McAden
Mayor