

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

July 3, 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, White, Mayor Drake
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

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 last meeting be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman White moved that the following applications for change of zoning be set for public hearing, 11:00 A.M., July 24th, 1952:

PAUL MURCHISON	Three lots, 48'x137', Blk. 5,	From "A" Residence
C. BEN HIBBETTS	Whitten Addition, locally known	To "C" Commercial
	as 1201, 1203, & 1205 West 34th	From 1st Height & Area
		To 2nd Height & Area
MRS. S. J. RYAN	Lot 6, Blk. 36, Sweetman Addn.	From "A" Residence
	locally known as 1910 Eva St.	To "B" Residence
NAOMI JACKSON SMITH	Lots 41 & 42, Blk. 3, Outlot 21,	From "A" Residence
	Div. "B", Chernosky Subdivision	To "C" Commercial
	No. 9, locally known as 1201-03	
	Luna Street and 4200-02 E. 12th	

J. H. PITTSFORD,
MISS M.L.MIDDLETON,
MRS. RUBY ELLER &
JAMES A. BOYD

So. 50', Lot 1, Blk. 1, Outlot
28, Div. "O", locally known as
114 Pleasant Valley Road

From "A" Residence
To "C-2" Commer-
cial
1st Hgt. & Area to
2nd Hgt. & Area

and

No. 100', Lot 1, and Lots 2
through 6, Blk. 1, Outlot 28,
Div. "O", locally known as
2707-2715 E. 2nd Street

From "A" Residence
To "D" Industrial
1st Hgt. & Area to
2nd Hgt. & Area

F. J. McBRIDE

Lots 2 and 3, Outlot 72, Div.
"D", Robbins Subdivision, lo-
cally known as 911-913 West
30th Street.

From "A" Residence
To "B" Residence

DAVE GUSTAFSON

Lot 10, Blk. 18, Outlot 26,
Div. "C", Christian and Fell-
man Addition, locally known
as 2024 E. Avenue

From 1st Hgt. &
Area
To 5th Hgt. &
Area

JAMES D. COLE

Lot 2, Blk. D, Plaza Place,
locally known as 3802 Shirley
Avenue.

From "A" Residence
To "C" Commercial
1st Hgt. & Area to
2nd Hgt. & Area

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

The Council received the following zoning applications from the Zoning Commission with the recommendation that they be held in abeyance until such time as a master land use plan for the Interregional Highway has been developed; and that prior to that time, the applications did not have the recommendation of the Zoning Commission:

JOHANNES BOHN, MRS.
S. R. LaGRONE, MRS.
MINNIE ROEMER

800-1000 Blk. E. 30th
3006-3008 E. Ave.

From "B" Residence
To "C" Commercial

FREDERICK EBY, JR.

2803 Cole & 2800 E. Ave.

From "B" Residence
To "C" Commercial

J. N. YOUNGQUIST, JACK
T. COX, H. H. FASKE

3401-07 East Avenue

From "A" Residence
To "C" Commercial

C. B. HAHN

3708 E. Avenue

From "A" Residence
To "C" Commercial

WATT SCHIEFFER

3908-14 & 400 E. Ave.
1013, 1015 & 1016 E. 40th

From "A" Residence
To "C" Commercial

SAM LANE

1028-1038 E. 53rd Street

From "A" Residence
To "C" Commercial

The Mayor reminded the Council of the Hearing of the Telephone Company request for rate increase, scheduled at 10:00 A.M., Monday, July 7th, and he stated the hearing would be from 10:00 A.M. to noon; and from 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

The Council received a petition from property owners and renters residing East of North Lamar Boulevard and South of Little Walnut Creek in an area designated as Fiskville and Dean Terrace, respectfully requesting that street lights be installed within the area as soon as possible. (Petition represented about 51 families)

Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to have an ordinance drawn up to provide for stop signs on Congress Avenue and 14th Street, and for a signal light at 7th and Trinity, (as recommended by the Traffic Engineer). The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor stated the Westenfield Mothers Club had agreed to pay one-half of the cost of two blinker lights on Enfield Road. He expressed gratitude for the willingness of the citizens to participate like this. Councilman Johnson moved that the blinker lights be installed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman White asked that the City Manager have the Traffic Engineer re-check the light at Monroe and South Congress and get the arrow put back as it used to be. He stated the light turned green on both sides at the same time.

Councilman Long inquired if the fire prevention ordinance could be amended so as to permit people to burn some of their trash in their clean-up efforts. The City Manager stated an investigation had been made by the Fire Prevention Bureau of this and of what other cities were doing, and a specific recommendation would be forthcoming very soon, possibly next week.

MR. O. ASHLEY asked that some means be made to dispose of the Johnson Grass after it was cut down.

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, J. M. Odom is the Contractor for the erection of a building located at 2008-10 Guadalupe Street and desires a portion of the sidewalk and street space abutting Lots 43 and 44, Outlot 22, Division D, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, during the erection of the building, such space to be used in the work and for the storage of materials therefor; therefore

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

1. THAT space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to said J. M. Odom, the boundary of which is described as follows:

Street Working Space

Beginning at the southeast corner of the above described property; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Guadalupe Street to a point 12 feet east of the west curb line; thence in a northerly direction and parallel with the centerline of Guadalupe Street approximately 140 feet to a point; thence in a westerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Guadalupe Street to the northeast corner of the above described property.

2. THAT the above privileges and allotment of space are granted to the said J. M. Odom, hereinafter termed "Contractor", upon the following express terms and conditions:

(1). That the Contractor shall construct a 4-foot walkway within the outer boundaries of the above described working space, such walkway to be protected on each side by a guard rail at least 4 feet high and substantially braced and anchored, and without wood strips or obstructions of any kind along the pavement within the walkway, and at any time in the opinion of the City officials it becomes necessary for any reason to install a board floor within the walkway, The Contractor shall upon notice from the Building Inspector immediately place such a wood floor and substantially support same to prevent sagging under load.

(2). That the Contractor is permitted to construct in his working space a substantial gate which shall be kept closed at all times when not in use and at all times that such gate is open, the Contractor shall maintain a person at this gate to warn pedestrians and vehicles of approaching trucks. This gate is not to open out so as to impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(3). That no vehicles in loading or unloading material at the working space shall park on any part of the street outside of the allotted working space.

(4). That "No Parking" signs shall be placed on the street side of the barricades.

(5). That the Contractor is permitted to construct a temporary work office within such allotted working space provided such work office is not with-

in 25 feet of any corner street intersection.

(6). That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such barricades.

(7). That provisions shall be made for the normal flow of all storm waters in the gutter and the Contractor will be responsible for any damage done due to obstruction of any such storm water.

(8). That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness and provide lighting system for all tunnels.

(9). That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, loose materials and other obstructions on the sidewalk and street immediately after the necessity for their existence on said sidewalk or street has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager, and in any event all such sidewalk, barricades, materials, equipment and other obstructions shall be removed not later than March 1, 1953.

(10). That the City reserves the right to revoke at any time any and all the privileges herein granted or to require the erection or installation of additional barriers or safeguards if the conditions demand it.

(11). That the use and enjoyment of the spaces herein granted shall not be exclusive as against public needs and the City, in making such grant reserves the right to enter and occupy any part or all of said space any time with its public utilities, or for other necessary public purposes.

(12). That any public utility, or public or private property, disturbed or injured as a result of any of the activities necessary for the completion of the construction work for said building projects, whether done by the Contractor, City forces, or public utilities, shall be replaced or repaired at the Contractor's expense.

(13). That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims or damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise or abuse of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City of Austin and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalks, pavement and all other public property and public utilities disturbed or removed during the construction work and shall further guarantee the construction of a walkway and other safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves as a

filling station site the property located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Parkcrest Drive and Hancock Drive which property fronts 82.12 feet on Parkcrest Drive and 109.11 feet on Hancock Drive and being known as a portion of the unplatted portion of Highland Park West Subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and hereby authorizes the said Raymond Ramsey to construct, maintain, and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the same being constructed in compliance with all ordinances relating thereto and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations and plans; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the operation of this filling station after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution, and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the proper police, Traffic and Fire regulations; and the right of revocation is retained, if, after hearing, it is found by the City Council that the said Raymond Ramsey has failed and refused, and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations, and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"July 3, 1952

"Mr. Walter Seaholm
City Manager
Austin, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"We, the undersigned have considered the application of Raymond Ramsey, for permission to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct commercial driveways in connection therewith upon the property located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Parkcrest Drive and Hancock Drive which property fronts 82.12 feet on Parkcrest Drive and 109.11 feet on Hancock Drive and being known as a portion of the unplatted portion of Highland Park West Subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and the property upon which this filling station is to be located is owned by Raymond Ramsey and we hereby advise that the following conditions exist.

"The property upon which this filling station is to be located is designated as "C" Commercial Use District upon the zoning maps of the City of Austin.

"There are no storm water drainage facilities in place adjacent to this property. The storm sewer and surface drainage from this filling station is to be disposed of in such a manner that such water and other surface drainage will not flow across the sidewalk area into the street. There is a hole on City property south of the above mentioned tract into which the storm sewer may empty after the water has passed through the City's standard grease trap, however, the property owner will have to secure the easement for crossing private property.

"We recommend that Raymond Ramsey be granted permission to construct, maintain and operate said drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the following conditions:

(1). That all buildings and equipment shall be placed inside of the property line, correct lines to be obtained before construction starts or equipment is installed. Lines and grades to be obtained from the Department

of Public Works for entrances and driveways, building lines to be approved by the City Building Inspector. That the applicant shall confer with the Department of Public Works as to future grades of the sidewalks and gutters on the adjacent streets before he starts any construction relative to the filling station.

(2) That only underground tanks shall be used and that all pumps shall be so located that it will be impracticable to service motor vehicles therefrom while said motor vehicles are standing on any part of a sidewalk, street or alley.

(3) That the gasoline tanks, pumps, and all equipment used in connection with the storage and handling of gasoline shall be an approved type and shall bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., that all construction of the filling station improvements shall be in accord with the Building Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, the Filling Station Ordinance, and in accordance with the ordinance prohibiting the disposal of commercial water or oils upon the City Streets.

(4) That the grades of the station shall be such that no waste water or oils or any floor washings shall ever pass over the City sidewalk area and that all of said oils and water shall be concentrated into a combined grease and sand trap which shall be constructed in accordance with our standard plan 2-H-146.

(5) That all filling station improvements, pump islands, driveways, ramps, gutters, sidewalks and curbs shall be constructed of concrete at the expense of the applicant as set forth upon the plan hereto attached, which plan bears the Department of public Works file number 2-H-1092.

(6) Expansion joints shall be constructed as shown upon the plan hereto attached marked 2-H-1092 and shall be of the pre-moulded type.

(7) When the owner considers that he has complied with all the requirements of the City of Austin for filling stations, he shall apply for a final inspection and upon approval, the Building Inspector shall issue a Certification of Operation before such filling station can be put into service.

"Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd) C. G. Levander
Director of Public Works

(Sgd) J. C. Eckert
Building Inspector"

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

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1952, bids were received by the City of Austin for the construction of a concrete Culvert at Grover Street Easement on Koenig

Lane; such bids being as follows:

Joe Fuhrman	\$4,014.20
Richard Schmidt	4,016.05
Maufrais Bros.	4,341.20
John R. Andrews	4,997.95
Ross Anglin	5,077.85
Capital Const.Co.	6,129.08

and

WHEREAS, the bid of Joe Fuhrman in the sum of \$4,014.20 was the lowest and best bid, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works 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 Joe Fuhrman be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. E. Seaholm, City Manager, is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Joe Fuhrman for the construction of a concrete Culvert at Grover Street Easement on Koenig Lane on the basis of his bid of \$4,014.20.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Councilman Long 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 "Highland Village, Section 3" approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on June 26, 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, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Mayor Drake 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 "I", 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 DESIGNATION FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON LOT 9, BLOCK A, RIDGETOP ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long 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 Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long 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 Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "WILBARGER PLACE, SECTION 1," AND ALSO VACATING ALL STREETS, AVENUES, ALLEYS, UTILITY EASEMENTS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN SAID SUBDIVISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

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 "Resubdivision of Lot 5, Block 5, Westfield "A", approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on June 12, 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, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

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 "Marlton Place, Section 3", approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on June 26, 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, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Councilman White 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 "Resubdivision of Lot 1, Block 13, Westfield "A", approved by the City Plan Commission of the City of Austin on May 22, 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 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 Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

Councilman White 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 the Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4, 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 CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4. Contract File No. 598-C)

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

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF ASSESSMENT
OF TAXABLE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN BY THE
CITY TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long 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 Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long 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 Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

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

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilmen Johnson and Councilman White voted for the ordinance so the Tax Department could go ahead with their printing, but voted with the statement they had already expressed their opinion on the assessing at 75% in that they did not want to go that high.

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL TAXES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 1952; AND DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long 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 Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long 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 Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

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

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

DR. E. H. GIVENS came before the Council and asked for street lights, police service, and bus service in Cedar Valley, Eastfield and Mason Field; that more park land be purchased; another swimming pool on another playground, and that Olive Street School land be developed for a park. Councilman Long moved that the Olive Street Playground be cleared real soon and dev eloped for the children in that area. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

DR. GIVENS further requested lights for the Junior League Base Ball Field. Discussion was held on lighting the various Junior League fields, and it was stated the City had not been lighting them. Councilman White moved that the City Manager be instructed to check up on lighting these fields and report back to the Council on it. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

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

DR. GIVENS requested a study of the traffic at Airport Boulevard and 12th where it is necessary to cross to get to the cemetery. The City Manager stated it would be necessary to detail a patrolman at the location when a funeral was being held; and that if the funeral homes would notify the Traffic Department or the Police Department, a patrolman would be assigned. The City Manager stated this would be the responsibility of the funeral home. Dr. Givens suggested that since the cemetery is filling up that additional land adjoining it be purchased. Councilman Long moved that a study of that problem be made and a recommendation be made. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

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

DR. GIVENS asked for playground equipment on the school grounds in West Austin and South Austin. He asked that slides or swings, or a little swimming pool, or wading pool be installed. The City Manager stated he would have to check with the Director of Recreation about these locations. Councilman White asked that he make a check and report back to the Council.

DR. GIVENS asked about the promotion of negro policemen to detectives. The City Manager stated this was worked under Civil Service regulations, and no differences were made with regard to the color line. DR. GIVENS introduced a school teacher, Miss Smith, who asked for a light at Airport Boulevard and 12th Street and for water, and bus service in Cedar Valley. DR. GIVENS stated the colored golfers at the Municipal Golf Course were unable to buy cold drinks; that the facilities for refreshments were not available to them. The City Manager stated cold drinks and refreshments were available, and had been all the time; that drinks could be purchased at the window provided, and the players could take them to the lounge that had been provided. DR. GIVENS asked that something be done about moving the incinerator; that street lights be placed on the corner of 17th and Chestnut.

JUDGE DAVE PICKLE asked that no fee be placed on garbage collections, as he was afraid people would try to dispose of their own garbage, and this would really be detrimental to public health. He suggested studying about a few things that could be done without instead of additional things that would call for extra taxes.

Councilman Long suggested using an assessment plan against the owners for buying pipes and the city laying them in connection with drainage in the creeks. The Mayor stated it was thought this could be worked in on a street improvement plan.

Councilman Long pointed out two specific situations where property owners were absent from the city, and their property had grown up in weeds and high grass and had been a constant source of trouble. One tract of land is in the vicinity of 1218 Bickler Road near Newning; the other is on West 29th close to the railroad track. In the area near Newning, there is a creek in front of the Hawkins and Pittsford Place which needs to be cleaned out. The City Attorney explained that when conditions became a health menace the City could go in and clean it up and levy an assessment against the owner to pay the costs; but it wasn't practical in most cases. The Mayor asked the City Manager to go ahead in this manner on these two particular cases and see how it worked out. The City Attorney warned against destroying shrubs or plants in the cleaning up.

Councilman Long suggested that spraying equipment be purchased by the City and rented out to property owners to spray their own premises. The City Manager stated most people had their own sprays, but many of them won't use them.

The City Manager reported the installation of 50 street lights since the first of the year in all sections of the city.

Councilman White inquired about the date the hutments on Barton Springs Road would be torn down. The City Manager stated the tenants were given until September 1st to vacate.

Councilman White suggested that when the bridge on West 1st is completed that the City hold open-house at the new Power Plant. It was discussed and suggested that open house be scheduled in the early fall.

Councilman Long turned in a complaint by MR. H. E. SHEPPARD of a zoning violation in his neighborhood. The City Manager stated this had been referred, but at this time there was no report on it. (1203 West 35th Street vicinity)

The City Manager presented recommendations from MR. WIGINTON and MR. MARSHALL that the Water and Light Office and Tax Office close on Saturdays; as it would eliminate about \$200.00 a month overtime, and that service for Water and Light bill paying was provided at Tuckers; and at this time of the year, in the Tax Department, the business is very light. It was suggested that both departments close on July 5th for the holidays. Councilman Johnson moved that the Water and Light Department be closed on Saturdays, and that signs be put up that beginning August 2nd, the Tax Department would be closed on Saturdays until further notice. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman MacCorkle

The Council received notice that the following application for change of zoning had been referred to the Zoning Commission:

DAVE GUSTAFSON	2024 East Avenue	From First Height & Area District
		To Fifth Height & Area District

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

APPROVED: W. S. Drake

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chas. H. Housley
City Clerk