

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 23, 1953
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 REVEREND CHARLES SUMNERS, St. Davids Episcopal Church.

The appeal of the Christian Army Mission for solicitation permit was reset for January 7th, 1954.

MR. JAMES R. SLOAN, Attorney for the Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, appeared requesting the lowering of the value of Personal Property and submitted the following:

Austin Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co., Inc.
Equipment Inventory Janl 1, 1953.

	<u>Original Cost</u>	<u>Depreciated Value per SCHEDULE "F"</u>	<u>PLUS 20% of Fully Depre- ciated Cost</u>
LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT			
Wash Room	\$ 49,389.40	\$14,693.47	\$ 5,592.93
Boiler & Engine Room	21,010.94	9,954.58	114.56
Finishing Machinery	97,125.03	41,476.62	7,971.61
DRY CLEANING EQUIPMENT	32,178.28	14,417.44	1,705.23
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	16,964.75	8,378.48	726.97
GARAGE EQUIPMENT	735.76	375.06	
LINEN & TOWEL EQUIPMENT	5,537.13	5,013.64	
TOTALS	\$222,941.29	\$94,309.29	\$16,111.30

	<u>TOTAL VALUE 1933 IN USE</u>	<u>FAIR MARKET VALUE per J.P. Yeates</u>
LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT		
Wash Room	\$ 20,286.40	\$ 12,150.00
Boiler & Engine Room	10,069.14	4,110.00
Finishing Machinery	49,448.23	26,250.00
DRY CLEANING EQUIPMENT	16,122.67	7,940.00
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	9,105.45	4,686.50
GARAGE EQUIPMENT	375.06	105.00
LINEN & TOWEL EQUIPMENT	5,013.64	1,100.00
TOTALS	\$110,420.59	\$ 56,341.50

BOOK VALUE OF EQUIPMENT & FIXTURES Jan. 1, 1953 \$94,240.10

Councilman White moved that the figure of \$71,690.00 be set as the assessed value of the personal property of the Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, 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. F. L. Lane has made application in writing for permission to use and maintain in her residence a day nursery school, complying with all City and State regulations, on Lot 14, Block O, Crestview #7, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, the same being on the north side of Richcreek Road and locally known as 1200 Richcreek Road, 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 school at the location described above be granted to Mrs. F. L. Lane.

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

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

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the Board of Equalization of the City of Austin has certified its approval of the tax assessment rolls and records of the City of Austin

for the year 1953, and has forwarded the same to the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, said tax assessment rolls appear in all respects to be in correct form and prior to their submission the valuations of property shown in said rolls have been examined and corrected in the manner provided by law and ordinances of the City of Austin by the Board of Equalization; and,

WHEREAS, all appeals by taxpayers from decisions of the Board of Equalization have been disposed of and there are now no appeals pending from such Board; Now, Therefore,

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

That the tax assessment roll, showing a total amount of \$218,512,410.00 valuation of property within the City of Austin assessed for City and School taxes for said year, and the tax assessment roll showing the total value of \$2,607,340.00 valuation of the property lying within and assessed by the City for School purposes only for said year, be and the same are hereby approved and adopted.

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

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

Noes: None

Mayor McAden introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR THE YEAR 1953, AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED; DIRECTING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Noes: None

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

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

Noes: None

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

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

Noes: None

The Mayor announced the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor McAden introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:
"AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING PLATS AND SUBDIVISIONS OF LAND WITHIN
THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND
WITHIN FIVE MILES THEREOF, REPEALING ALL ORDI-
NANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERE-
WITH, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND DECLAR-
ING AN EMERGENCY," SUCH ORDINANCE BEING DATED
SEPTEMBER 10, 1953, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE
BOOK "S", AT PAGES 513 to 531, INCLUSIVE, BY
CHANGING THE WORKING OF PARAGRAPH (4) (a) OF
SUBSECTION (d) OF SECTION 3, RELATING TO
STANDARD PROCEDURE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL
BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Mayor announced the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman White 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 OAK CREST AVENUE (Peacock Lane), from a point 54 feet east of Oak Crest Avenue easterly 146 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said OAK CREST AVENUE.

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

(2) A gas main in RIVERVIEW STREET, from a point 145 feet east of Canadian Street, easterly 69 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said RIVERVIEW STREET.

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

(3) A gas main in HARRIET COURT, from a point 106 feet east of Harriet Court (N), southerly 62 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said HARRIET COURT.

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

(4) A gas main in EASTFIELD AVENUE, from Webberville Road, southerly 186 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said EASTFIELD AVENUE.

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

(5). A gas main in LOUIS AVENUE, from Mansell Avenue, westerly 229 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said LOUIS AVENUE.

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

THE Southern Union Gas Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Southern Union Gas Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Southern Union Gas Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

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

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

Noes: None

Councilman Pearson 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 W. H. Bullard 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 SEWERS - Storm - Contracts File No.)

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

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

Noes: None

The Council set the following zoning applications for public hearing January 28th:

BERT CABINESS, ET AL F. T. RENZ	E.10th between Trinity Lots 1,2,3 & 4, Blk 120 400-02-04-06 East 10th	From "B" Residence To "C" Commercial RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission
C. B. MAUFRAIS	S.Lamar south of Bluff St. Pt. Lot 11, Blk B, Bouldin Subd, Isaac Decker League	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial RECOMMENDED 6th H & A by the Planning Commission
BERT BROWN	Lawnmont W. of Burnet Rd. rectangular tract out of Geo.W.Spear League, 300' along the Burnet Hwy. & 355' westerly along Lawnmont	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial RECOMMENDED 6th H & A by the Planning Commission

MURRAY OWNES

1411 Bob Harrison St.
E.23' of 3 & W.27' of 4,
Blk 4, OL 38From "A" Residence
To "C" Commercial
RECOMMENDED by the
Planning Commission

The Council received a memorandum on the estimated costs of constructing drainage facilities in an easement, north of 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street from Bull Creek Road to Finley Drive:

"Memorandum to: W. E. Seaholm, City Manager

Memorandum from: C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works

"We have rechecked the estimated costs of construction drainage facilities in an easement, north of 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street from Bull Creek Road to Finley Drive. These costs are as follows:

"OPEN CHANNED

"This channel will be "V" shaped with an average depth of 4'-9" and a top width of 15'-9". It will cost about \$1,350.00 to relocate the power poles in place and excavate the channel.

"STORM SEWER PIPE

"It will cost about \$3,500.00 to install a 42" concrete pipe including excavation and backfilling.

"There are 408' of pipe required in this project and if the property owners pay \$3.88 per foot as their share of the cost, their total participation will be \$1,583.00 leaving \$1,917.00 as the City's share of the cost.

Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to construct the ditch, put in the pipe, and the city bear the cost of it, since that does not drain those people's property and they do not benefit from it. The motion lost for lack of a second. Councilman Thompson wanted to know how many areas in this same situation would be making a similar request as these people in the West 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street area. He felt if the City put in the pipe for one, it should for all. Councilman Pearson thought the covered pipe would benefit the property owners, even more than the cost, and he thought they should be willing to pay for it, as there was a natural drain in the area. The City Manager stated there were many cases falling in this very same category. Councilman White felt that if this were the only case it would be different, but if the City did this job for this one area, it would have to do it all over town. The City Manager stated the pipe would cost \$5.08, but the City would take it on a 36" pipe basis, which would be \$3.88. Councilman Thompson stated if the covered pipe would save the moving of the utility poles, he would suggest that the property owners get the benefit of that savings. Councilman Pearson concurred in this idea. Councilman Thompson moved that the City Council instruct the City Manager to go ahead with his negotiations with these folks; and if they

want to pay on the basis of 36" pipe, that the City go ahead and install it; or otherwise, cut that big ditch. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pearson. Councilman Pearson moved that the motion be amended so that the property owners be given credit of \$120.00 which is the approximate cost of moving the utility poles. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden

Noes: Councilman Long - With the statement that it was not fair to the property owners.

Roll call on Councilman Thompson's original motion as amended showed the following vote:

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

Noes: Councilman Long**

*With the statement that he was trying to be fair not only to these people, but the rest of the taxpayers in this town, including a lot of other small homeowners who are having trouble paying their taxes and their bills.

**With the statement that it was not fair to the property owners.

Pursuant to published notice thereof, a Public hearing was held on the following zoning:

AREA 7 - Montopolis Area

AREA 12 - Wheelless School Neighborhood

The Planning Engineer submitted the following recommendations of the Planning Commission:

AREA 7. Montopolis Area - Original Zoning The Montopolis Area is best described as that property within the corporate limits of the City of Austin which is located southeast of the Colorado River and generally southwest of the Bastrop Highway. Development in this area restricts itself generally to those properties adjacent to Montopolis Drive, Vargas Road and the Bastrop Highway. The Montopolis Community is made up of several platted additions immediately adjacent to the major streets, a strip of commercial development immediately northeast and southwest of the Bastrop Highway and an abundance of one and two acre tracts which are used as home and small farm sites. The entire west area is utilized by the Austin Country Club and is the location of their golf course and Country Club. In addition to the home sites existing on the small agricultural tracts there are a substantial number of residences in the several recorded additions. There are in addition to the above mentioned uses several churches adjacent to Montopolis Drive and also two public schools.

Inspection of this area was made by both members of the Planning Staff and the Planning Commission. The Commission was impressed with the fact that a substantial thoroughfare system does exist; they were concerned, however, with the general condition of poor

surface drainage, lack of adequate storm sewers, and the complete absences of a sanitary sewer system.

Five property owners in this neighborhood have contacted the Planning Department and expressed their wishes concerning the zoning of their properties. Four of these owners appeared and spoke before the Planning Commission. The Commission at this time considered the necessity of retail and commercial facilities in addition to those existing immediately adjacent to the Highway. Planning for additional facilities was deemed necessary as the existing conditions necessitates many property owners traveling a substantial distance to the nearest retail store. The most appropriate location for such retail facilities was felt to be at the intersection of Ponca Street and Montopolis Drive.

The Commission agreed that the commercial character of property immediately adjacent to Bastrop Highway was well established south along the highway to a point about 1000 feet to the southeast of Vargas Road. The character then changes and becomes agricultural in nature, even though there is an occasional bulletin board adjoining the highway. Because the use is definitely established agricultural and because the bulletin boards are temporary it was determined that this property should be restricted and protected with a residential classification until such time as the City is furnished with information as to the manner in which the property would be subdivided and new streets be located.

It was recommended by the Planning Commission that the City Council establish for the annexed area known as the Montopolis Area the following classifications:

(1) Use District "C" Commercial, H&A District Sixth; for that property consisting of a tier of lots parallel to and generally fronting on the Bastrop Highway, from the Colorado River southeast on the highway to a point which is 1000 feet, more or less, southeast of Vargas Road. The same classification for properties located at the southwest and southeast intersection of Ponca Street with Montopolis Drive.

(2) Use District "A" Residence, H&A District First: for the remainder of this area.

AREA 12. Wheless School Neighborhood - Original Zoning The Wheless School Area is located at the extreme northeast section of Austin and is bounded on the north by U. S. Highway 290, on the east by Manor Road, and on the west by Cameron Road. The properties in question embrace two small neighborhood communities in which there exists about equal amounts of areas platted in recorded subdivisions and metes and bounds tracts, some homes existing on both tracts. There are in addition to the lot sites some large acreage sites. One such nine acre tract is owned by the Austin Public Schools but is at present undeveloped. City utilities are available to the majority of properties in this district. There exists many vacant platted lots with some development being done at this time.

Members of the Planning Commission toured this area with the Planning Staff and were impressed by the good residential character which prevailed. Inspection revealed that at present there is no nucleus for community development and felt that it would be unwise to anticipate the appropriate location for future needs for such development.

It was recommended by the Planning Commission that the City Council establish for the annexed area known as the Wheless School Area - "A" Residence and First Height and Area District.

The Council postponed any decision on these two areas until January 7th.

The City Manager submitted the following tabulation of bids for furnishing milk and cream to the Brackenridge Hospital and T. B. Sanatorium for 6 months from January 1st to June 30th, 1954:

Based on award of both contracts

	Superior Dairies	Carnation Co.	Oak Farms Dairies
Total milk and cream			
BRACKENRIDGE	\$10,826.50	\$10,967.00	\$10,602.62
T.B. SANATORIUM	<u>not complete</u>	<u>3,423.40</u>	<u>3,276.53</u>
Total both institutions		\$14,390.40	\$12,879.15

Councilman White moved that the low bid of OAK FARMS DAIRIES be accepted and the City Manager be instructed to enter into a contract with the Oak Farms Dairies for furnishing milk and cream to the Brackenridge Hospital and T. B. Sanatorium for 6 months, from January 1st to June 30, 1954. 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 bids on White Lime for Water Plant:

"On December 10th, we received bids on white lime for a 12 months contract. At that time both Austin White Lime and Round Rock entered identical bids of \$14.41 per ton, which is an increase of \$1.00 per ton over the present contract.

"Subsequently, the purchasing agent, in conjunction with Mr. Ullrich, our Water Plant superintendent, thought that it would be well to reject these bids and take bids for a contract of 6 months. It was their thinking that a more competitive spirit might enter into the bidding and the City might get a lower price on its lime requirements. Thus, on December 16th, bids were opened for the second time but the prices of both firms remained the same as on December 10th.

"Since there are no other bidders available, we recommend that the business be divided as it has in the past, with Round Rock getting the bid

for the first 6 months of 1954 and Austin White Lime for the last 6 months of 1954."

No action was taken on the bids on White Lime for the Water Plant. Councilman Long inquired about the identical bids. The City Manager stated if more bids were obtained, they would be higher as the transportation costs would enter into them. He stated one reason for contracting with both firms--The Austin White Lime Company and the Round Rock Company, was that when one had a breakdown in its plant a switch-over could be made by the City. The City Manager stated a letter would be sent out asking for more bids, and see what the results would be.

Councilman Pearson 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 enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Austin Development Company 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 SEWERS - Storm, Contract File No.)

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

The Tax Assessor and Collector asked that a policy be set regarding refunds for taxes that were collected on an erroneous basis, granting the authority under certain conditions to make those refunds. He stated everyone was in agreement except on the time limit that should be put on when these refunds could be made. He also asked that the fee for issuing certificates be raised from 50¢ to \$1.00. The Mayor suggested waiting and looking into this policy a little more. Councilman Thompson suggested that a Resolution be drawn dealing with this but leave the number of years blank, to be filled in later.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, by ordinance duly passed on October 8, 1953, recorded in Book "S", at pages 583 through 586, inclusive, of the Ordinance Records of the City of Austin, the City Council ordered the permanent improvement of certain portions of public streets designated therein, by excavating, grading and paving the same, and by the construction of curbs and gutters where adequate curbs and gutters are not now in place in accordance with plans and specifications on file with and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said ordinance, the City Manager advertised for bids for the construction of such improvements, and bids were received and opened, all as provided by the Charter of the City of Austin and the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Holland Page in the amount \$99,882.30 was the lowest and best responsible bid, and the City Council has heretofore, by Resolution passed November 12, 1953, awarded to Holland Page the Contract for the construction of such improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the contract form and contract documents, including the performance bond, required by the agreement and by law, have been executed by contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has estimated that the total amount of money necessary to pay the contract price and engineering costs borne by the City of Austin is the sum of \$105,000.00; Now Therefore

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

That the form and substance of the contract and contract documents heretofore executed by Holland Page and the City Manager providing for the construction of the improvements above described be, and the same are hereby approved.

That the performance bond accompanying said contract and executed by Holland Page be and the same is hereby approved.

That the Director of Public Works of the City of Austin be and he is hereby directed to prepare and file with the City Clerk estimates and rolls as required by law for each street unit to be so improved, showing thereon the total estimated cost of the improvements in each such unit, and showing in detail the description of each parcel of property abutting thereon together with the name of the apparent owner thereof, the number of front feet of each such parcel of property and the amount to be assessed against the same, and such other pertinent information as may be required by law.

That the sum of \$105,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Bond Fund of the City of Austin set apart in the current budget for street improvements to defray the costs of construction under such contract which is to be paid by the City of Austin.

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

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

Mayor McAden introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE WRITTEN
STATEMENT AND REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
WORKS, SHOWING THE ESTIMATES OF THE TOTAL COSTS

OF ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS , THE ESTIMATES OF THE COSTS PER FRONT FOOT PROPOSED TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE ABUTTING PROPERTY AND THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS THEREOF, AND THE ESTIMATES OF THE VARIOUS OTHER COSTS FOR THE IMPROVING OF JEFFERSON STREET AND SUNDRY OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WITHIN THE LIMITS HEREINBELOW DESCRIBED, AND OF OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; DETERMINING AND FIXING THE PORTION OF SAID COSTS AND THE RATE THEREOF PROPOSED TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST AND PAID BY THE ABUTTING PROPERTY AND THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS THEREOF; DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST SAID ABUTTING PROPERTY AND THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS THEREOF FOR THE PORTION OF SAID COSTS APPORTIONED TO THEM; ORDERING AND SETTING A HEARING AT 10:30 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1954, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, AS THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING OF THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS OF SAID ABUTTING PROPERTY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN SAID ABUTTING PROPERTY OR IN ANY OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND CONTRACT CONCERNING SAID ASSESSMENTS, PROCEEDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID HEARING AS REQUIRED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; DECLARING AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE.

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

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

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

The Mayor announced the ordinance had been finally passed.

The Council received notice from the City Manager that the following application for change of zoning had been referred to the Planning Commission:

WATT SCHIEFFER and
MRS. MARY CATO SWAYNE

W.side Interregional
Highway between 39th
and 49th Streets

From "A" Residence 1st
Height and Area
To "C" Commercial 6th
Height and Area

Councilman Thompson suggested restudying the wrecker ordinance regarding fees charged by wrecker companies when called on the rotation plan through the Police Department. The City Attorney stated fees could not be fixed by the Council on businesses that were not utilities; but it could fix a fee on cases where the Police order the wreckers as a matter of contract. Councilman Thompson asked that the Council give some consideration to the amendment of the ordinance in such a way as to keep the wrecker companies from overcharging. Councilman Pearson suggested having a meeting with the operators that might have some other recommendations.

Councilman Pearson suggested that some parking arrangements be made for the Ministers who take time to come up and deliver Invocations. The matter was referred to the City Manager.

Councilman Long asked the City Manager to investigate the need or feasibility of a fire plug in the 2903 East 14th Street area and report back.

Councilman Pearson inquired about the drainage on Funston, and also about the Signal Light at the Railroad Track. The City Manager said there was nothing further on the signal light.

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

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk