

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

THE STATE OF TEXAS    |

CITY OF AUSTIN        |

COUNTY OF TRAVIS     |

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin will be held on the 1st day of June, 1954, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado, in Austin, Texas, at 10:00 A. M. for the purpose of meeting with the Chairman of the State Planning Board, and a sub-committee thereof, and the Master Plan Committee of the City Plan Commission.

/s/ Elsie Woosley  
City Clerk

/s/ C. A. McAden  
Mayor  
City of Austin, Texas

ATTEST:

/s/ Elsie Woosley  
City Clerk

## 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.

/s/ Mrs. Stuart Long  
/s/ T. R. Thompson

/s/ Ben White  
/s/ Wesley Pearson

MINUTES OF A  
JOINT MEETING  
of the  
CITY COUNCIL  
with the  
STATE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE  
and  
CITY MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

10:00 A.M.  
June 1, 1954

Council Chamber, City Hall  
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The meeting was called to order with Mayor McAden presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Pearson, Thompson, White, Mayor McAden.  
Absent: None

Present also: City Manager, Walter E. Seaholm; Assistant City Attorney, Doran Eskew.

Present also: State Planning Board, Chairman Karl S. Kamrath; Messrs. R. Max Brooks, Louis Southerland, Art Kowert, Taylor Glass, Proper, Senator Johnnie B. Rogers; and Chairman of the Subcommittee, Claude Wilson, and Secretary Carl Hardin.

Present Also: City Plan Commission, Chairman Hugo Kuehne; Master Plan Committee, Chairman Martin Kermacy; Messrs. John Broad and Ben Hibbetts; Mrs. Mitchell; Secretary Mike Mahoney and Mr. Green.

The Mayor announced that the meeting was called for the purpose of coordinating the efforts of the development of a Master Plan of the Capitol City and the Capitol City Area.

MR. KARL KAMRATH, Chairman of the State Planning Board listed three main purposes for the creation of this Board:

1. To look after the interest in a broad sense of the traffic flow situation in Austin.
2. To look after the best use of the State Eleemosynary Institutions.
3. To look after the interests in the immediate development of permanent structures around the State Capitol Building.

He read a six-point statement that

1. That a Master plan for the City of Austin is essential

for long-range and economical development of the City.

2. That the responsibility for the formulation and execution of the Master Plan rested with the City.
3. The unique position of Austin being not only the Capitol City but the location of many State institutions, including the University, made it necessary that the cooperation and assistance of the various State, County, and Federal Agencies was required for the development of a realistic Master Plan.
4. This Committee will request the assistance and cooperation with the City of the various components of the State Government in Austin in the interest of the Master Plan, and will direct that all pertinent data acquired by furnished to this Committee for study and transmittal to the Planning Commission of the City of Austin.
5. This Committee recommends that the City of Austin avail itself at an early date of competent professional planning consultants so that proper advice and assistance will be available in the formative states of the plan.
6. This Committee recognizes that its full effectiveness cannot be realized until a Master Plan is effected by the City of Austin. The Committee further believes that the cost of the Master Plan should be equitably shared by the City and State and other governmental agencies affected.

MR. HUGO KUEHNE suggested a central committee to coordinate the final plans.

Councilman Pearson inquired as to the timing of calling in a professional engineering firm. MR. KAMRATH suggested that planning consultants be interviewed immediately and that they start to work in the beginning; as they could guide the gathering of the information and get only that that was beneficial.

Councilman Long asked if the Sub-committee could make a study of the surplus land of the state; and along with its recommendation point out that it was surplus and recommend that it be sold and money appropriated in working out a master plan. Mr. Kamrath thought that would be part of the duties of the technical planning consultants. MR. KUEHNE felt the Planning Department would need additional technical assistance as their present activities were so great it was difficult to accomplish the routine matters. The Mayor suggested borrowing talent from the Highway and Board of Control and other State Agencies.

Councilman Thompson inquired about the costs to be shared by the City and State and County. Mr. Kamrath replied it was recommended this be shared proportionally.

The City Manager stated there was a difference in the thinking of the two groups, although they were together generally but not in total accord in the accomplishment of that particular work. The Planning Commission has this concept of building a staff and going along with the work and having its own technical staff and doing the work as differentiated from hiring a general outstanding consultant to do the work; not that they would not want to call

in consultants on various phases of the work; but that the general feeling was that they would approach it on the basis of study by building a technical staff of their own and doing the general work themselves. MR. KERMACY wanted to establish a continuity in the Master Plan, and not drop it once it is drawn up. He recommended that the advance planning section be a continuing body which would keep the plan current and Planning consultants would be hired to move things along as they needed to be done. He did not believe the staff, the advance planning section, would be the group which would actually accomplish by itself and within the Department a Master Plan, and he did not believe the city could support the technical staff and facilities which would be necessary.

The Mayor proposed that the Chairman of the State Planning Commission and the Subcommittee of the State Planning Commission; the members of the Master Plan Committee of the City and the Chairman of the City Plan Commission and the County Judge of the Commissioners Court, get together and appoint a sub-committee of this group to meet and correlate the thinking developed in this meeting, and make plans to carry this forward and report back with something feasible and workable as soon as they are ready. The group unanimously adopted this proposal.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10, subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk