

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 23, 1947  
10:50 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Miller presiding.

## Roll call

Present : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry - 5

Absent : None

Present also: Guiton Morgan, City Manager; Trueman E. O'Quinn, City Attorney; J. E. Motheral, Director of Public Works; and R. D. Thorp, Chief of Police.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Mayor Miller stated that when the Butler Tract was purchased several years previously, it was understood that a part of it would be sold and the proceeds of such sale used to improve the remainder of the tract, and accordingly the City had decided at this time sell 200 feet of same fronting on Lamar Boulevard, and had advertised for, and received, bids on same.

Ed Clark, Attorney for J. M. Odom, Harold Hoefgen, and James P. Nash, was then heard on behalf of his clients' bid heretofore submitted for purchase of above described property, and submitted a revised offer of his clients for said property, plus 50 feet additional frontage on Lamar Boulevard and 75 feet additional depth, for the sum of \$40,000.00, stating that his clients needed this extra footage for their proposed building.

The City Council declined to accept the latter offer, and submitted a counter-proposal to Attorney Clark to sell his clients the 200-foot frontage on Lamar Boulevard by 250 depth as advertised, plus 75 feet additional depth, for the sum of \$40,000.00, and stated that if his clients desired an additional 50 feet on Lamar Boulevard for their building, a separate offer for that would be considered.

After consulting his clients by telephone, Attorney Clark reported that they had declined to accept the proposal of the City, the property, in their opinion, not being worth what the City was asking for it.

The matter of sale of above described property was then taken under consideration by the City Council.

Mayor Miller stated that the City Council, having decided to sell the Click farm, consisting of 168 acres, which was purchased as a site for a naval hospital and later abandoned by the Government, notice of public sale of same was duly advertised and bids thereon received.

Woodrow Patterson, representing the Tratex Corporation, highest bidder for the purchase of said Click farm, in the amount of \$38,586.50, was then heard.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Councilman Glass, seconded by Councilman Thornberry, that the City Council approve the recommendations of the City Manager that the City accept the bid of said Tratex Corporation in the amount of \$38,586.50 less \$819.82 for a strip 140 feet in width and 2200 feet in length on the west side which the State Highway Department desires for a right-of-way for the inter-regional highway, with the understanding that if it is found later that said right-of-way is not needed, the City will deed same to grantee for a consideration of \$819.82, the City to retain said strip for a period of two years, with another two years' extension if needed to carry out the right-of-way agreement, grantee to have full use of said strip, in the meantime, and keep up the fences; and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up the necessary papers for the transaction. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

Mayor Miller read a telegram from Bishop John Hines of the Episcopal Church, asking that the City Council postpone its decision for ten days on the application of the Westenfield Development Company for a change in zoning of the property at the northwest corner of Windsor Road and Exposition Boulevard in order that the new minister of the Church of the Good Shepherd might have an opportunity to discuss the matter after his arrival in the City.

Councilman Thornberry then moved that, in view of the foregoing request of the said Bishop Hines, action on said zoning be postponed to the first meeting of the City Council in January. The motion lost by the following vote:

Noes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Mayor Miller

Ayes : Councilmen Johnson and Thornberry

Councilman Glass then moved that the application of the Westenfield Development Company, by Tom Graham, for a change in zoning of Lots 1 and 22, Tarrytown, located at the northwest corner of Windsor Road and Exposition Boulevard, from "A" Residence District to "C" Commercial District, be granted, and the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

It was moved by Councilman Thornberry, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that, in recognition of the services of Councilman Gillis during the fifteen years he served as a City Councilman, and particularly of his efforts on behalf of the citizens living in the area west of South Congress Avenue, the City Council take note of same at this time and name the 8-acre park located on the west side of Wilson Street and south of Oltorf Street in South Austin as GILLIS PARK. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

It was moved by Councilman Thornberry that the term of H. F. Kuehne, member of the Board of Adjustment expiring on December 31, 1947, the said H. F. Kuehne be re-appointed as a member of said Board for the two-year term beginning December 31, 1947, and ending December 31, 1949. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

Councilman Johnson 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 "L", 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 ORDINANCE 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 SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON THE EAST 9.5 FEET OF LOT 3, BLOCK E, BOULDIN 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 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

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

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

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

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

Thereupon Mayor Miller announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Thornberry offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Travis County, Texas, in Cause No. 40,218, styled City of Austin v. Mrs. M. F. Jones, Robert F. Jones and wife, Cleo Jones, and by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Travis County, Texas, in Cause No. 44,627, styled City of Austin v. Robert F. Jones and Ora B. Steinle, administratrix of the estate of Martha F. Jones, deceased, Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Outlots 31 and 32, Division "0", M.K.& T. Subdivision, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, was sold for taxes by the Sheriff of Travis County, Texas, to the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, all taxes for which such sale was made have been fully paid; Now, Therefore,

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 execute a quitclaim deed for and on behalf of the City of Austin to Ora B. Steinle Black, and to her successors in title, conveying all right, title and interest of the City of Austin in and to said Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Outlots 31 and 32, Division "0", M.K.&T. Subdivision, unto the said Ora B. Steinle Black as her separate estate.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

Councilman Johnson introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAME; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY", WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN MAY 6, 1937, AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "K", PAGES 159-179, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 23(d) OF ARTICLE IV RELATING TO

LOADING ZONE LOCATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES  
OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

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

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

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

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

Thereupon Mayor Miller announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

City Manager Morgan submitted the following memorandum:

December 22, 1947

Memorandum to : Guiton Morgan, City Manager

Subject : Low Service Pump, Water Plant.

I am attaching hereto a tabulation of the bids received on the 12000 GPM Low Service Pump to be installed in the well adjacent to the pump room at the Power Plant. This pump will furnish raw river water to the Filter Plant.

We recommend that the award be made to the Southern Engine Pump Company, Houston, Texas, as the lowest and best bid. They propose to furnish a 250 H.P. electric motor and control equipment with a 12000 GPM Fairbanks-Morse Pump. Their escalated bid of \$9,469.50 is the low bid of the five bids submitted.

(Sgd) Walter E. Seaholm  
Director of Utilities. "

(Tabulation of bids attached to  
Original in files)

Councilman Glass then offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has received competitive bids on one 12,000 GPM low service pump; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Southern Engine Pump Company of Houston, Texas, has been found to be the lowest and best bid considering quality, price, and date of delivery; Now, Therefore,

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

That Guiton Morgan, City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Southern Engine Pump Company of Houston, Texas, for the purchase of one 12,000 GPM low service pump, the Company to furnish one 250 HP electric motor and control equipment with the 12,000 GPM Fairbanks-Morse Pump at the Company's escalated bid of \$9,468.50, with delivery to the City of Austin within twelve (12) months from date.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Texas Public Service 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 Texas Public Service 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 AVENUE F, from a point 130 feet north of East 55th Street northerly 37 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 12 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said Avenue F.

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

- (2) A gas main in BURNET ROAD, from North Street southerly 165 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said Burnet Road.

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

- (3) A gas main in EAST 18TH STREET, from Ferdinand Street to Maple Avenue, the centerline of which gas main shall be 20 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said East 18th Street.

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

- (4) A gas main in FERDINAND STREET, from East 18th Street northerly 196 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 17.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said Ferdinand Street.

- (5) A gas main in SPRINGDALE ROAD, from East 1st Street to East 5th Street, the centerline of which gas main shall be 5 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of said Springdale Road.

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

- (6) A gas main in EAST 1ST STREET, from Springdale Road westerly 752 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 12 feet north of and parallel to the south property line of said East 1st Street.

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

The Texas Public Service 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 Texas Public Service 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 Texas Public Service Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of 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 franchise granted to said Company by the City of Austin.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Noes : None Councilman Thornberry

It was moved by Councilman Thornberry that John B. Marshall, Colored, 1006 East 13th Street, be granted a 90-days probationary permit to drive a taxicab. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

Councilman Glass offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

That Guiton Morgan, City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute in behalf of the City of Austin a general warranty deed, conveying to E. C. McClure of Travis County, Texas, for a consideration of Thirty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-three and 60/100 Dollars (\$37,773.60) in cash, 168.5 acres of land out of the James P. Wallace League and the John Applegate League, save and except 7.10 acres off of the west side of said 168.5 acre tract, in Travis County, Texas, all in accordance with the terms of that certain deed, copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution for all purposes.

(Copy of deed attached)

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF TRAVIS : KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the City of Austin, a municipal corporation situated in the County of Travis, State of Texas, acting by and through its City Manager, Guiton Morgan, duly authorized by the City Council of said City by resolution duly passed, for and in consideration of Thirty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred-three and 60/100 Dollars (\$37,773.60), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed, and for which no lien, expressed or implied, is retained, has granted, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, sell and convey unto E. C. McClure of Travis County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

168.5 acres of land out of the James P. Wallace League, the John Applegate Survey and the William Wilks Labor, in Travis County, Texas, being the same property conveyed by George R. Click, Jr., to the City of Austin by warranty deed dated November 9, 1945, recorded in Volume 773, page 242, of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT 7.10 acres of land off of the west side of said 168.5 acre tract of land which 7.10 acres is described by metes and bounds as follows:

7.10 acres of land, being a portion of Lot No. 12 of the H.A. and J. G. Fitzhugh Subdivision of the Rutherford Farm, same being a portion of the James P. Wallace League, the John Applegate Survey



and all of the William Wilks Labor in Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said H.A. and J. G. Fitzhugh Subdivision of record in Plat Book 1, page 108, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, which Lot 12, together with other property, was conveyed to the City of Austin, Texas, by George R. Click, Jr., by warranty deed dated November 9, 1945, of record in Volume 773, pages 242-243, of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, said 7.10 acres of land being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe set at the point of intersection of the proposed east right of way line of the Interregional Highway with the north line as fenced of the City of Austin tract of land;

Thence with the proposed east right of way line of the Interregional Highway, S. 29°55' W. 2196.7 feet to an iron pipe set on the south line as fenced of the City of Austin tract of land;

Thence with the south line as fenced of the City of Austin tract of land, N. 60°02' W. 139.50 feet to the west line as fenced of said City of Austin tract, same being the east fence line of the Middle Fiskville Road;

Thence with the west fence line of the City of Austin tract, same being the east fence line of the Middle Fiskville Road, N. 29°51' E. 2195.85 feet to an iron pipe set in the north line as fenced of the City of Austin tract of land, same being the south fence line of a county road;

Thence with the north fence line of the said City of Austin tract of land, same being the south fence line of a county road, S. 60°24' E. 142.10 feet to the place of beginning.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described tract of land, together with all and singular, the rights and appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said E. C. McClure, his heirs and assigns, forever; and the City of Austin does hereby bind itself and its successors to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said tract of land unto the said E. C. McClure, his heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

WITNESS the hand of the City of Austin by Guiton Morgan, its City Manager, attested by its City Clerk, with the seal hereunto affixed, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1948.

CITY OF AUSTIN

Attest:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry  
Noes : None

Mayor Miller offered the following resolution and moved its  
adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the great loss to the City of  
Austin in the death of Judge J. W. Maxwell; therefore,

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

THAT the City Council desires to express its esteem and respect  
for him and its sorrow and condolence to his family upon his death by  
having a copy of this resolution entered in the minutes of the City Council.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution,  
carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes: None

There being no further business, upon motion, seconded and carried,  
the meeting was recessed at 3:00 P. M., subject to call of the Mayor.

Approved:

Tom Miller.  
MAYOR

Attest:

Allen M. Allen

CITY CLERK

## AFTERNOON SESSION:

December 23, 1947

The City Council reconvened at 3:00 P. M., with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Thornberry - 5

Absent : None

Present also: Guiton Morgan, City Manager; J. D. Huffman, Finance Director, Trueman E. O'Quinn, City Attorney.

Pursuant to published notice thereof, the public hearing on the General Budget of the City of Austin for the year 1948 was opened.

W. L. Bradfield, Chairman of the Citizens' Tax Advisory Committee, appeared and submitted the following report:

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
AUSTIN, TEXAS.

The Citizens' Tax Advisory Committee begs leave to make a report at this time on the re-appraisal program:

I. The Committee believes that, generally, properties have been fairly appraised in relation to each other. This is true as between classes of property and it is true as between individual properties within the various classes.

II. The part of the Citizens' Tax Advisory Committee in the re-appraisal program has been to advocate such policies and such procedures as would bring about equality to the highest degree obtainable. In this connection, the Committee in its advisory capacity has approved all land units and almost all building cost units, used as a basis for the re-appraisal, and have made such checks of resulting valuations as the limited time permitted. The Committee concurred in the plan of the City Tax Assessor and Collector to give written notice by mail of changes in valuation to property owners, with the understanding that the Committee would pursue its studies and activities with a view of aiding in the correction of such errors and inequities as were bound to exist under the hurried program. The Committee has continued its study of the values produced in the City's re-appraisal program, and has made certain recommendations to the Tax Department as being essential to complete fairness.

III. The Committee has the fullest confidence in the personnel and leadership of the City Tax Department and believes that with adequate funds appropriated to its use, the department can, within a reasonable time, eliminate such inequities as are now apparent in this stage of the re-appraisal program.

IV. The recommendations made to the Tax Assessor need to be carried out and completed within the next twelve months. The work will involve the rechecking of all property within the City. Thereafter, the work should be maintained in a manner which will prevent the necessity of mass re-appraisal in the future. Such a program will necessitate the fixing by the City Council of a budget for the Tax Department adequate for the job.

V. The budget approved by the City Manager, carrying an increase of \$5,000.00 over last year's budget for "extra help", is, in the opinion of the Committee, entirely inadequate. The Committee believes that such an appropriation would not permit employment of competent personnel to do the additional work. The Committee recommends that last year's budget be increased by \$ , in accordance with the attached schedule.

VI. The Committee points out the dependence of the Tax Department on information from the Building Inspector's Office, and likewise recommends for that office a sufficient appropriation to permit the proper carrying out of its important functions. Under the present set-up, it is the opinion of the Committee that the Building Inspector's office is badly undermanned, and is therefore, failing to carry out its important purpose. The Committee further suggests the possibility that the Building Inspector's office be made self-supporting by the collection of reasonable fees, as now authorized by ordinance, to be charged for the services it renders to the building public.

VII. The Committee has been impressed with the inadequacy of present engineering maps as related to the needs of the Tax Department and recommends that such added appropriations be made as shall permit the completion of an adequate set of plats by the Engineering Department for the use of the Tax Department.

VIII. The Committee wishes to commend the members of the City Council for their courageous support and for their overall non-political, non-interfering attitude during the entire program. The Committee especially wishes to congratulate the Council upon its recent resolution: "That refunds for errors growing out of the revaluation program shall be made wherever and whenever such errors are found."

IX. The Citizens' Tax Advisory Committee's appraisal of the re-appraisal program is briefly:

(1) That generally properties have been valued fairly in relationship with each other;

(2) That given a sufficient appropriation for additional needed personnel and material, the Tax Department is capable of eliminating such inequalities and inequities as now, and may, appear.

(3) That the published resolution of the City Council, authorizing refunds of taxes in case of errors of whatever character growing out of the re-appraisal is essential evidence of the desire of everyone concerned that the values produced by the re-appraisal shall be fair and equitable.

CITIZENS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By (Sgd) W. L. Bradfield "

The foregoing report was received and referred to the City Manager, the Tax Assessor and Collector, and the Finance Director for consideration and recommendation.

Ralph Frede, representing the Public Relations Department of the Austin Chamber of Commerce, was present as a spectator.

No other taxpayer or interested citizen appearing to participate in the hearing, the same was thereupon closed.

Councilman Glass then offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the General Budget of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1948 has been prepared by the City Manager and presented to the City Council, and the same was filed with the City Clerk for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said budget was held in the City Council Chamber at the City Hall, after due notice of said time and place, at which hearing the taxpayers of the City of Austin were given the opportunity to be present and participate in such hearing; and said hearing was finally closed; Now, Therefore,

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

That the General Budget of the City of Austin for the year 1948 be and the same is hereby adopted, and the amounts set out respectively in said budget be and they are hereby respectively appropriated for the respective purposes and out of the funds respectively shown in said budget.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None  
(See back of book for budget)

Councilman Thornberry offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, as required by law, the City Tax Assessor and Collector has prepared the tax rolls and records of the City of Austin for the year 1947 showing the property, both real and personal, subject to taxation in the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the regular tax rolls and records for 1947 indicate a total valuation of property assessed for city and school purposes of \$102,819,770.00 and the supplemental tax rolls and records for the year 1947 indicate a total valuation of \$35,242,545.00, making in all a total of \$138,062,315.00; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the City Council that the regular tax rolls and records for the year 1947 are in all respects in correct form;

Now, Therefore,

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

That the regular tax rolls and records for the year 1947 as prepared by the City Tax Assessor and Collector be and the same are hereby in all things approved.

Which motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, carried by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

Councilman Glass introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING MUNICIPAL  
TAXES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR  
THE YEAR 1947; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

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

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

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

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Johnson, Mayor Miller, and  
Councilman Thornberry

Noes : None

Thereupon Mayor Miller announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

There being no further business, upon motion, seconded and carried, the meeting was recessed to Wednesday, December 24, 1947, at 10:30 A.M.

Attest:

*William M. Keenan*

City Clerk

APPROVED:

*Tom Miller*

MAYOR