REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, August 17, 1933.

The Council was called to order by Mayor Miller. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; absent, none.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and Councilman Gillis moved the adoption of same as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

Mrs. J. A. Biggers, Chairman of a committee of citizens from the Esperansa Common School District, submitted to the Council the following petition:

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS.

We, a majority of the resident qualified voters of the hereinafter described territory in Travis County, Texas, out of the Esperansa Common School District No. 7, hereby respectfully request and petition the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, to extend the corporate limits of the City of Austin for school purposes only so as to include and embrace all of the following territory now embraced in said Esperansa Common School District, in accordance with Art. 8803, Revised Statutes of 1925, to wit:

Beginning at the intersection of Grover Avenue and North Loop in Walling Place; thence westerly with the north line of North Loop to its intersection with the east line of the Upper Georgetown Public Road; thence in a southerly direction with the east line of said Upper Georgetown Road to its intersection with the north line of Orange Street in said Walling Place; thence westerly in the same course as the north line of said Orange Street to the east fork of Shoal Creek; thence in a southerly direction with the meanders of said Shoal Creek to its intersection with the north line of the City of Austin; thence with said City line south 57°59' east 3435.6 feet to a corner fence post which is the most northerly corner of a 3.7 acre tract known as Block No. 8 of the Lewis Hancock Subdivision; thence with the west line of the City of Austin and the west line of the Lewis Hancock Subdivision north 59°59' east 3470 feet to a stake in Alice Avenue which is on a line with the south line of 45th Street; thence with the east line of the Upper Georgetown Road to a northeast corner of the Texas State Blind Institute tract of land; thence easterly with the north line of said Texas State Blind Institute tract 2093.6 feet to a point in the west line of said Texas State Blind Institute tract; thence northerly with the west line of said Texas State Blind Institute tract and the east line of Grover Avenue to the place of beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) J. E. Stulken
Pauline Stulken
A. R. Bratton
H. S. Bratton
G. L. Daniel
Mrs. G. L. Daniel
Ted J. Mayberry
Mrs. Ted Mayberry
J. A. Biggers
Mrs. J. A. Biggers
Mrs. M. Hilderbrand
Mrs. M. Hilderbrand
Mrs. M. Hilderbrand
G. V. Littleton
W. E. Boatner
Mrs. W. E. Boatner
W. B. Boatner
Mrs. G. T. Holliday
G. T. Holliday
G. E. Boatner
Mrs. Eunice Elliott
T. H. Walden
Mrs. T. H. Walden
J. J. George
Mrs. J. J. George
B. H. Walker
Mrs. B. H. Walker
W. J. Crocker
H. F. Burton
Mrs. H. F. Burton
Fred Hilderbrand

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mrs. J. A. Biggers, who being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that the signatures to the above and foregoing petition are genuine signatures of the persons whose names appear thereon and that said persons are a majority of the resident qualified voters of the territory described in said petition.

(Sgd) Mrs. J. A. Biggers.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 26th day of July, A. D. 1933.

(Sgd) Jennie Bergstrom,
Notary Public, Travis County, Texas.
The following communication from the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools was read:

"Austin, Texas, August 15, 1933."

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,
City of Austin:

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to inform you that the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools at its regular monthly meeting held August 14, 1933:

'BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools that we recommend that the corporate limits of the City of Austin be extended, for school purposes only, so as to embrace the territory out of the Esperanza Common School District No. 7, as set out in the petition presented herewith."

Yours very truly,
(Sgd) A. N. McCallum,
Superintendent of Schools."

The Council deferred action on the above matter in order to give the citizens opposed to the change an opportunity to be heard.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING AND REGULATING PERSONS, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS TO ENGAGE IN BUYING AND SELLING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AT WHOLESALE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSEES, EXEMPTING IN PART CERTAIN PERSONS, DEFINING TERMS, PROVIDING ENFORCING, PENALIZING OUTING OF ENFORCING OFFICERS, PROHIBITING THE SUPERSEDDING THEREOF BY OTHER ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE DISPLAY OF LICENSES, FIXING PENALTIES, DESIGNATING OPERATING AND EFFECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The above ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Gillis moved to strike out the emergency clause. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wolf and carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Alford then moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, Councilman Bartholomew, 1.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Alford moved that the rule be further suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Alford moved that same be finally passed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor announced that the hearing called for this day, by published notice there-of, on the proposal of the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the following particulars, to wit:

To amend the Use designation of Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 4; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 9; and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 14, Division "G", Christian and Fellman Addition to the City of Austin, said property being located directly across the street from the eastern boundary line of the University Campus and facing on Red River Street, so as to change same from "B" Residence District to "O" Commercial District;
would now be opened. No one appearing to protest the proposed change, the Mayor then laid before the Council the following communication from the Board of Adjustment:

Austin, Texas, August 15, 1933.

Hon. City Council,
City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a copy of a resolution which was passed by the Board of Adjustment at a meeting held on July 31, 1933, in regard to the changing of the Use designation of property located on Red River Street across the street from the eastern boundary line of the University Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) H. F. Kuehne, Chairman
Board of Adjustment.

WHEREAS, the City Council, in accordance with the terms of the Zoning Ordinance, has submitted to the Board of Adjustment, for its consideration and recommendation, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance providing for the change of the Use designation of Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block 4; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 9; and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 14, in Division "C", Christian and Fellman Addition to the City of Austin, all of said property being located directly across the street from the eastern boundary line of the University Campus and facing on Red River Street, from "B" Residence District to "O" Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the petition for the change of the above described area from "B" Residence District to "O" Commercial District with the exception of Lot 3, Block 4, has previously been submitted to the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Board submitted a resolution to the City Council disapproving the change on account of the omission of Lot 3, Block 4; and

WHEREAS, the present petition now includes Lot 3, Block 4, which removes the objection of leaving a spot some of a single "B" Residence lot between two "O" Commercial Districts; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the above amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and change in the Use District map be and is hereby approved and recommended to the City Council of the City of Austin.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT,
By (Sgd) H. F. Kuehne, Chairman.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following ordinance:


The above ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Wolf moved a suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and same carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.
The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Wolf moved a further suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its third reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and same carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Wolf moved that same be finally passed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and same carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, J. R. Blackmore is the Contractor for the construction of a building located at 915 Guadalupe Street and desires a portion of the sidewalk and street space abutting lot 12, Block 106, of the Original City of Austin, during the construction of the building, such space to be used in the work and for the storage of materials therefore; therefore,

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

1. THAT space for the uses hereinafore enumerated be granted to said J. R. Blackmore, the boundary of which is described as follows:

Sidewalk and Street Working Space.

Beginning at a point on the east line of Guadalupe Street 60 feet south of the south line of West 10th Street; thence in a westerly direction and at right angles to Guadalupe Street a distance to a point 12 feet west of the east curb line of Guadalupe Street; thence in a southerly direction and parallel with the centerline of Guadalupe Street a distance of 60 feet; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Guadalupe Street a distance to the east line of Guadalupe Street; thence in a northerly direction and along the east line of Guadalupe Street to the place of the beginning.

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

(1) That the Contractor shall construct a walkway along the west line and within the limits of the above described space, such walkway to have a guard rail on each side at least 4 feet high and substantially braced and anchored.

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

(3) That provision 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 waters.

(4) That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness.

(5) That the Contractor is permitted to construct a temporary work office within such allotted working space provided such work office is not within 25 feet of any corner street intersection.

(6) 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 October 1, 1933.

(7) That the Contractor shall restore all public and private property injured during the use of such space to as good condition as the same existed before the use of such space began.
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.

That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand ($5000.00) Dollars, which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims for damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise 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 above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillie, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolff; 5; nays, none.

WHEREAS, Carl Quick is the Contractor for the replacing of awnings on buildings located at 504 and 510 Congress Avenue and desires a portion of the sidewalk and street space abutting the north 43 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 55, of the Original City of Austin during the replacing of the awnings, 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 Carl Quick, the boundary of which is described as follows:

**Sidewalk and Street Working Space.**

Beginning at the southeast corner of the above described lots; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Congress Avenue a distance to a point 13 feet east of the west curb line of Congress Avenue; thence in a northerly direction and parallel with the centerline of Congress Avenue a distance of 69 feet; thence in a westerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Congress Avenue a distance to the west line of Congress Avenue; thence in a southerly direction and along the west line of Congress Avenue to the place of the beginning.

2. That the above privileges and allotment of space are granted to said Carl Quick, hereinafter termed "Contractor," upon the following express terms and conditions:

1. That the Contractor shall construct a walkway along the east line and within the limits of the above described space, such walkway to have a guard rail on each side at least 7 feet high and substantially braced and anchored.

2. That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such walkway.

3. That provision 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 waters.

4. That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades, or obstructions red lights during all periods of darkness.

5. That the Contractor is permitted to construct a temporary work office within such allotted working space provided such work office is not within 25 feet of any corner street intersection.

6. 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 September 1, 1933.

(7) That the Contractor shall restore all public and private property injured during the use of such space to as good condition as the same existed before the use of such space began.

(8) 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.

(9) That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand ($5000.00) Dollars, which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims for damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise 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 above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

The following communication from the Board of Adjustment was read:

"Austin, Texas, August 16, 1933.

Hon. City Council,
City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Attached hereto is a copy of a resolution which was passed by the Board of Adjustment at a meeting held on August 8, 1933, in regard to certain amendments to the text of the Zoning Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) H. F. Kuehne, Chairman Board of Adjustment.

WHEREAS, the Board of Adjustment has considered the question of the setback of accessory buildings from side streets under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the present wording for setback of such buildings is confusing in that the setback requirements in general are in the Height and Area District regulations but in the case of accessory buildings they appear in the Use District regulations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the setback requirements of accessory buildings is to provide adequate light, air and ventilation for adjoining buildings and to protect adjoining front and side yards and to preserve the value of property by the removal of such accessory buildings from the fronts of the main buildings; and

WHEREAS, in the case of lots abutting on an alley or common property line fronting in opposite directions on both sides of and parallel to any side street throughout the length of any one block there does not exist the need for as great a setback of the accessory buildings from the side street as the Ordinance now requires; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Council be requested to amend the Zoning Ordinance so as to change the setback requirements from side streets of accessory buildings so as to permit accessory buildings to be less than 20 feet from a side street when the lots abutting on an alley or common property line front in opposite directions on both sides of and parallel to any side street.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

By (Sgd) H. F. Kuehne, Chairman.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Adjustment has proposed that the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Austin be amended so as to change the setback requirements from side streets of accessory buildings so as to permit accessory buildings to be less than 50 feet from a side street when the lots abutting on an alley or common property line front in opposite directions on both sides of and parallel to any side street; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance a public hearing must be held at which opportunity shall be given the public to offer any objections to said amendments; therefore,

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

THAT a public hearing be held on these amendments at the City Hall at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 7, 1933, and that notice of such hearing be completed by publication as required by the terms of said Zoning Ordinance,

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Gillis moved that the City Manager be authorized to offer for sale to Henry Viscardi, prospective buyer, twenty feet off the lot owned by the City at the northwest corner of West Lynn and West 12th Streets at a price of $800.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Wolf moved that the City Manager be authorized to sell the lot owned by the City at the northwest corner of West 11th and Red River Streets to Carl Wendlandt & Sons, Agent, at a price of $2500.00, less 5% agent's commission. The motion prevailed.

Councilman Gillis moved that the Council reconsider its action directing the City Manager to sell the two lots owned by the City at the northwest corners of West 12th and West Lynn Streets and East 11th and Red River Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Gillis then moved that the City Manager be instructed to publish notice offering the above described property for sale until September 1st, reserving the right to reject any or all proposals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilman Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

Mr. Gillespie Stacy, Chairman of the Park Board Committee on ways and means of disposing of excess land on Shoal Creek, submitted to the Council the following report:

August 16, 1933.

The Hon. Mayor & City Council, City of Austin,

Gentlemen:

The Committee appointed by the Park Board to report to the Council on the ways and means of disposing of excess land on Shoal Creek, begs to submit the following recommendations:

DESCRIPTION:

That the parcel of land in question is that strip between the present new Boulevard entering on 24th Street and facing this Boulevard some 1400 feet more or less south from 24th Street. The depth of this strip varies from 150 feet to 250 feet. The Committee recommends that all lots shall be divided into 65 foot frontages on the Boulevard and running back 150 feet or more to the eastern boundary of the city property. We feel that this width is better than 50 feet and that 65 feet is ample for the average size home. Should any prospective purchaser desire more than 65 feet, he can acquire extra footage at the front foot valuation.
The Committee recommends that every real estate agent in the city have the right to sell these lots and shall be paid the usual 5% commission, provided they conform with the rules as set out for the sale of this property.

The Committee further recommends that one agent be charged with the responsibility of handling this property, as it will be necessary for someone familiar with the handling of subdivision details to settle the many problems coming up daily in connection with the engineering, prospects themselves and the agents involved. He should at least receive an over-riding commission of 7% for this service. It might be stated that this is much less than that usually charged for an agent's handling of subdivision operations. The above mentioned agent shall distribute to local agents upon request maps and rules for the sale of the property and restrictions plainly printed on each map so that there can be no misunderstanding, and he shall properly record the prospects turned in by other local agents so that there can be no misunderstanding on prospects. He shall also be charged with the duty of working with the engineering department of the city of Austin in the proper staking of the lots.

**Restrictions:**

It has become a well known principle that restricted property brings better prices than unrestricted, and the Committee's recommendation is that the agent in charge draw up a set of restrictions such as whether the tract shall be designated as Residence "A" or Residence "B" under zoning, the proper distance set-back of the houses from the property line, the lowest cost of houses permitted in the tract and many other well known restrictions. It is also recommended by the Committee that the above mentioned agent submit to the City Manager and the City Attorney an inclusive list of restrictions usually placed on high-grade subdivision property for their approval.

**Prices:**

After due consideration and investigation of property in the neighborhood, particularly that recently sold property opposite the City's tract on Shoal Creek, we have come to the conclusion that inasmuch as every agent will be allowed the privilege of attempting to sell this property, that the simplest procedure on determining values is to place a price that would make the property move with reasonable speed and yet be in line with present conditions.

It is deemed expedient to place one price on the lots, namely, $1,250. apiece. Under this plan there would be no misunderstanding as to price. Naturally the better lots would move faster and the development of these same lots would make the other lots take on more value due to the development.

In the case of Lot No. 1, whose north line is paved along 24th Street, it is recommended that the price of the paving be added to the cost of this lot, as it is far more desirable due to its location.

Lots Nos. 7, 8, and 9 have less depth than the other lots due to the city property line cutting into the tract, and it is a recommendation that the average square foot value be taken and deducted from Lots Nos. 7, 8, and 9 to equalize the price with the loss of land. Lot No. 22 will have to have some adjustment also.

**Terms:**

The Committee suggests that it will be necessary to give reasonable terms to prospective purchasers at this time and that a minimum down payment shall be 20% of the purchase price, and the minimum monthly payment $20.00 per month thereafter, and the interest rate be a minimum of 7% per annum and 5% discount for all cash.

**City:**

The Committee recommends that on the blueprints, or by letter, that prospective purchasers may see some statement that the City will furnish the necessary water, light and sewerage lines to a prospective builder on this tract at no additional cost.

A written communication should also be gotten from the telephone and gas companies, as every prospective builder or purchaser will require some such assurance before he will purchase a lot.

We deem it likely that the City Council will want to give a name to the subdivision. Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) W. Gillespie Stacy, Chairman;

W. T. Caswell

B. G. Tharp.

The Council took the above matter under advisement.

Councilman Gillies moved that the City Manager be instructed to have Brackenridge Hospital renovated by painting all openings and tinting the walls wherever the same is needed throughout the building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew and carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gilles, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.