

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, April 28, 1932.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; absent, none.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Councilman Gillis moved the adoption of same as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford, and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the final plans and specifications for the new library building, as prepared by H. F. Kuehne, Architect, have been submitted to and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the City's contract with said Architect, there is now due him the sum of \$1750.00 on his commission; therefore,

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

THAT the sum of \$1750.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Water and Light Fund, which amount is to be repaid the Water and Light Fund by the Library Bond Fund, and that a warrant issue for said amount, payable to the said H. F. Kuehne, Architect, for said purpose.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

A. C. Baldwin, Chairman of the Sub-committee on City Affairs of the Travis County Taxpayers League, presented the report of said Sub-committee to the Council.

R. B. Gragg, State Labor Commissioner, appeared before the Council as a citizen and taxpayer of the City and not in his official capacity, to protest against any reduction in the salaries and wages of city employees, and urged that the Council postpone action on the report of the Sub-committee until a further study of the situation could be made. The Mayor thanked him for his interest in the matter and stated that the Council had been giving the matter very serious thought.

Other citizens appearing before the Council were Judge Dave J. Pickle, C. W. Moore, Ben J. Fisher, Theo. Price and Roy E. Pfaefflin, who protested against any cut in the salaries of employees drawing \$1800.00 and less, and in the wages of laborers.

Following the discussion, Mayor McFadden moved that it is the sense of the Council that the recommendations of the Sub-committee on City Affairs of the Travis County Taxpayers League, viz., a reduction in the salaries and wages of city employees, be accepted, and that the City Manager be instructed to bring in a revised budget setting forth the new schedule of salaries and wages, and that the report of the Sub-committee be incorporated into the Minutes as a part of this motion. Councilman Steck moved that the motion be amended to make the new schedule of salaries and wages effective June 1, 1932, instead of May 1, 1932, as recommended by the Sub-committee. Both motion and amendment were seconded by Councilman Mueller and same carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The following is the report of the Sub-committee which was accepted by the Council:

"Hon. W. H. Cullen,
Chairman, Travis County Taxpayers League,
Austin, Texas.

We, your Sub-committee appointed for the purpose of investigating city affairs looking to the lightening of the burden of taxation, beg leave to report:

The City Council and the City Manager met us in a fine spirit of cooperation, and welcomed a thorough investigation of the city's activities in all its various functions, offering every aid and discussing freely the problems presented. The entire administration recognized the regrettable change in financial and business conditions, and were already engaged in a study of the situation looking to future reductions and economies in public service calculated to lighten the burden of taxation and utility service.

The City Council and City Manager had not unreasonably believed that, as the budget had been adopted, the tax rate fixed and the taxes partially collected, it would be the part of wisdom to continue through the present year without change, taking up the problems of reduction this fall in preparing the budget and providing the tax levy for another year. Notwithstanding this conclusion, there was expressed to this committee a perfect willingness to readjust the plans of the administration to meet what it recognized as a growing seriousness in the business situation.

Government expense of today is a very different problem from that of a few years ago. In the old days government was confined rather strictly to making and enforcing laws. The modern conception of government has been enlarged to include a great variety of utility services which have become recognized as inherently governmental duties. Street lighting, garbage gathering, education, public health, water supply, in many cities gas and electric supply, in themselves formerly regarded as commercial enterprises are now looked upon as governmental functions. To meet these new demands taxes have been increased, but while taxes have increased the cost of maintaining homes with comfort and conveniences have gone down in far greater proportion. Suppose a man should be required now, as in the old days, to remove his garbage and waste, to buy from private industry his fuel, light, fire protection, domestic water, school tuition and a thousand other services now furnished by government, he could have his taxes greatly reduced, but his cost of living would be almost prohibitive. So in studying tax burdens we must keep in mind what taxes save us in other directions.

City Manager Johnson wisely remarked: "The people can eliminate, if they so will, a majority of their taxes, but in so doing they must eliminate in large measure the services they require. We can reduce garbage collection to once a week, and save half our sanitary costs. We can reduce our fire protection and our police force, but we'll pay out far more in fire insurance rates than can be saved by the tax reduction. We must deal with the situation in its large relation, not in terms of tax savings alone."

After two conferences with the City Council, it was agreed that a reduction of salary and wage expenditures could be made without affecting the efficiency of the public service. This committee agreed that the reduction is a concession of employes to patriotic desire to aid the city in meeting a difficult situation. The concession is neither asked nor given on the ground of extravagance or bad business judgment in ordinary prosperous times, but as an expression of willingness to share in the sacrifices needful to equalize the unusual burdens of government as compared to the diminished earning power of the people generally.

The reductions are to be as follows, beginning May 1st:

City Manager -----	20%
All compensation \$3000.00 a year and up -----	15%
All compensation under \$3000.00 a year -----	10%

This should save between \$60,000.00 and \$80,000.00 on the balance of the year.

There are other matters which the committee believes should be considered, but it believes they should be given further discussion and probably be taken up in connection with the budget-making this fall. The committee agrees with the council that its program of development, being near completion, should be continued until accomplished.

In this connection, it has come to the attention of this committee that the administration is planning for a ten cent out in the tax levy for next year and an 8 or 10% out in electric rates. Further, it believes that after the completion of the present improvements at the city plant, and one more turbine at a later date, the plant will be adequate for at least seven years, and that when the turbine is installed there can be made a further very substantial out in rates.

While our water and light rates are not high, the plant has earned a great amount of money which is reflected in the increased physical value of the plant, improved service furnished, and the gradual lowering of unit costs of production due to increased efficiency.

We believe the city is to be congratulated upon the wonderful growth and development shown in the last half dozen years, as demonstrated by the unimaginative statistics of comparison, and upon the successful accomplishment of the ambitious program commissioned by the people themselves, which is a credit not to be denied to the administration in charge during those years.

(Sgd) A. C. Baldwin
W. T. Caswell
Ed R. York
W. H. Richardson, Jr. "

The Mayor laid before the Council the following:

"Austin, Texas, April 27, 1932.

Honorable City Council,
Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Permission is hereby requested to operate a drive-in ice service and vegetable market at the southeast corner of the intersection of Guadalupe and 38th Streets.

It is proposed to use the present driveway on Guadalupe Street and to construct a concrete walk along the east side of Guadalupe Street across the width of existing driveway. It is also proposed to construct a 40 foot concrete driveway and sidewalk on 38th Street.

The construction of driveway and walk to conform to attached plan.

THE AMERICAN SERVICE COMPANY.

By (Sgd) C. W. Moore

R. B. Moore. "

"Austin, Texas, April 28, 1932.

Mr. Adam R. Johnson,
City Manager,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Attached herewith is the request from The American Service Company, lessee from T. E. Thrasher, owner of the property at the southeast corner of the intersection of Guadalupe and 38th Streets, for permission to operate a drive-in ice service and vegetable market at this location and to construct concrete driveways as shown on attached plan.

The property at this location has been zoned as business purposes and we recommend that the request be granted subject to the construction of concrete driveways as shown on the attached plan marked 2-G-170.

(Sgd) Orin E. Metcalfe,
City Engineer.

G. S. Moore,
Building Inspector."

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The American Service Company, lessee from T. E. Thrasher, owner of the property at the southeast corner of Guadalupe and 38th Streets, the same being legally described as Lot 1, Block 2, of the Steiman Addition to the City of Austin, has made application to the City Council for a permit to construct concrete driveways and to operate a drive-in ice service and vegetable market at this location; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has favorably considered the granting of said request; therefore,

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

THAT permission is hereby granted The American Service Company, lessee from T. E. Thrasher, owner of the property at the southeast corner of Guadalupe and 38th Streets, the same being legally described as Lot 1, Block 2, of the Steiman Addition to the City of Austin, to operate a drive-in ice service and vegetable market at this location subject to said American Service Company's constructing a concrete walk and additional concrete ramp on Guadalupe Street, and also constructing a concrete walk and ramp on 38th Street according to attached plan marked 2-G-170, which plan is made a part of this resolution; and subject further to said American Service Company's making provision for connecting any waste water that may occur in the operation of the ice service storage with the city storm sewer under the direction of the City Engineering Department.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor announced that the hearing called for this day, by published notice in The Austin Statesman, on April 8, 1932, as required by the terms of the Zoning Ordinance, on the proposal of the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance in the following particulars, to-wit:

(1) To amend the USE designation of all that property at the northeast corner of the intersection of 19th Street with San Antonio Street, said property being described as Lot 37, Outlot 22, Division "D" of the City of Austin, so as to change same from "B" Residence to "C" Commercial District.

(2) To amend the USE designation of that property fronting west on the Fredericksburg Road and described as the west one-half of Block 18 of South Heights Addition of the City of Austin, so as to change same from "A" Residence District to "C" Commercial District. would now be opened.

No one appearing to offer any objections to the above proposal, the Mayor laid before the Council the following reports of the City Plan Commission:

"Austin, Texas, April 6, 1932.

Honorable City Council,
City of Austin,
Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of the City Plan Commission covering the meeting held on April 4, 1932, with reference to the change of USE designation of property on West 19th Street:

"WHEREAS, the City Council has submitted to the City Plan Commission for an expression of its attitude in advance of the regular submission of a petition, a letter from Mr. Burt Brydson requesting a change of the USE designation of his property facing on West 19th Street 123 feet, with a depth on San Antonio Street of 101 feet, being the northeast corner of the intersection of West 19th Street and San Antonio Street and described as Lot 37, Outlot 22, Division "D" of the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the property from Guadalupe Street to Rio Grande Street facing on West 19th Street is already used largely for commercial purposes and the residential character of this property being practically destroyed; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the above change meets with its approval and that the same is hereby recommended to the City Council of the City of Austin.

CITY PLAN COMMISSION,

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

"Austin, Texas, April 26, 1932.

Honorable City Council
City of Austin,
Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of the City Plan Commission covering the meeting held on April 25, 1932, with reference to the change of USE designation of property on the Fredericksburg Road, and to the trimming of trees and shrubs in the City of Austin.

"WHEREAS, the City Council, in accordance with the terms of the Zoning Ordinance, has submitted to the City Plan Commission for its consideration and recommendation, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for providing for the change of the USE designation of all that property fronting west on the Fredericksburg Road and described as the west one-half of Block 18 of South Heights Addition to the City of Austin, from "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT to "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, no objections thereto were presented to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission carefully considered the proposed amendment and found the same to be reasonable and just and not adversely affecting any of the surrounding property; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

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

CITY PLAN COMMISSION,

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

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, IN THE CERTAIN PARTICULARS HEREINAFTER STATED, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND REGULATING AND DISTRICTING THE HEIGHT, NUMBER OF STORIES AND SIZE OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES, THE PERCENTAGE OF LOT THAT MAY BE OCCUPIED, THE SIZE OF YARDS, COURTS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES, THE DENSITY OF POPULATION, THE LOCATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND FOR TRADE INDUSTRY, RESIDENCES AND OTHER PURPOSES; AND DIVIDING THE CITY OF AUSTIN INTO DISTRICTS OR ZONES, AND REGULATING AND DISTRICTING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES OR LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS OR ZONES; AND PROVIDING UNIFORM REGULATIONS FOR THE SEVERAL CLASSES AND KINDS OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES AND USES WITHIN THE DISTRICTS OR ZONES; AND ADOPTING TWO ZONING MAPS, DISCLOSING RESPECTIVELY THE SEVERAL USE DISTRICTS AND THE SEVERAL HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICTS, AND THE RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS AND PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO SUCH DISTRICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND DEFINING THE POWERS OF SAME; AND PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REMEDIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY".

The above ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Mueller moved a suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Mueller moved a further suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its third reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Mueller moved that same be finally passed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

A request from the City Plan Commission that the Council pass an ordinance requiring the trimming of the lower branches of trees and shrubs to a height of not less than eight feet where the same project over the sidewalks or streets in order to prevent injury to citizens using the sidewalks or streets, was read, and the matter was referred to the City Manager for attention.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Austin heretofore on June 6, 1931, purchased out of the Parks & Playgrounds Bond Fund from W. T. Caswell the property known as the Austin Athletic Club, for the purpose of a playground, consisting of 1.15 acres of land, more or less, out of Gregg's Addition, in Outlot 6, in Division "E", in the City of Austin; and at the time of such purchase, W. T. Caswell agreed that he would repurchase said property from the City of Austin at anytime within the period of two years, upon demand of the City of Austin, and to secure such obligation said Caswell gave a mortgage to the City of Lots Nos. Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Twenty-nine (29), Hyde Park Addition to the City of Austin, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that said property is adequate and well-fitted for the purposes for which it was purchased, and that same is worth the purchase price thereof; and therefore, that the City of Austin will not wish to make demand for a reconveyance of said property to said Caswell, and that on account of said reasons the property last above described should be released from said mortgage by the City; 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 the release of the City of Austin to said W. T. Caswell of the mortgage lien existing in favor of the City against Lots Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8), in Block Twenty-nine (29), Hyde Park Addition to the City of Austin, Texas.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

A resolution changing the name of a street in Beau Site Addition known as Oakview Drive was introduced and laid over for one week.

Reports of Southwest Bitulithic Company and H. R. F. Helland, Consulting Engineer, stating that the double flushcoating of West Avenue from 12th to 19th Streets had been completed and recommending the acceptance of same, were read and ordered filed.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DOUBLE FLUSH-COATING CONSTRUCTED BY SOUTHWEST BITULITHIC COMPANY ON A PORTION OF WEST AVENUE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of November, 1931, the City of Austin entered into a contract with Southwest Bitulithic Company whereby said Company agreed to construct double flushcoating upon portions of streets in the City of Austin, Texas, among which portions of streets was the following, to-wit:

WEST AVENUE from the north line of Twelfth Street to the south line of Nineteenth Street; and

WHEREAS, said contractor has fully completed the street improvements upon said street above described in accordance with its contract and the plans and specifications made a part thereof, and said improvements have been found satisfactory and approved by the Consulting Engineer of the City, and have been found satisfactory and in accordance with the contract by the City Council of said City; therefore,

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

I.

That the street improvements constructed by Southwest Bitulithic Company upon said portion of West Avenue hereinbefore described be and the same are hereby in all things approved and accepted by the City of Austin.

II.

That the cost of said improvements be paid to said Contractor by the City of Austin.

III.

That this resolution take effect at once.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the improvements on Lot 7, and the East One-half of Lot 8, Block 2, Outlot 34, Division "B", Plat 36, assessed in the name of W. T. Brown, are delinquent for the years 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1931; and

WHEREAS, the valuation on same was figured on the basis of 960 square feet at \$1.70 per square foot with a depreciation of 50%, making a two-thirds taxable valuation of \$545.00 on these improvements; and

WHEREAS, upon investigation of the Tax Department, it has been discovered that there are only 768 square feet in said improvements, and that in order to equalize same with other similar property in the city the unit should be \$2.00 per square foot and the depreciation 80%, making a two-thirds taxable valuation of \$205.00; now, therefore,

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

THAT the Tax Assessor be and he is hereby authorized to change his rolls accordingly for the years 1928, 1929, 1930, and 1931.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following:

"Austin, Texas, April 27, 1932.

The Honorable City Council:

Permission is hereby requested to have the curb set back from the regular curb line in front of our store on the west side of Alice Avenue north of 40th (in reality 41st) Street in order to provide additional space for parking of cars.

It is desired to have this work done under direction of the City Engineering Department and according to plan recommended by same.

We agree to bear all the cost of the additional paving and curb required to construct the set-back area as requested.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) Peterson Bros.

Per A. L. Peterson. "

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Peterson Bros. have presented to the City Council a request for a curb set-back adjacent to their property on the west side of Alice Avenue north of 40th Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has recommended that the said request be granted subject to the curb's being set back and the pavement on Alice Avenue extended in accordance with plan marked 2-C-455; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered and approved the proposed curb set-back in accordance with said plan; therefore,

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

THAT Peterson Bros. be granted permission to make curb set-back adjacent to their property on the west side of Alice Avenue north of 40th Street subject to the following conditions:

That the widening of Alice Avenue pavement shall be carried out in accordance with the accompanying plan marked 2-C-455, which plan shall become a part of this resolution; and that area which lies between the standard gutter and the proposed new concrete curb shall be paved with either concrete or bitulithic paving of the same quality and thickness as the pavement now under construction on Alice Avenue at the expense of the applicant.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following:

"Austin, Texas, April 27, 1932.

City Council,
Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I hereby apply for a permit to construct a driveway in front of proposed building at 42nd and Guadalupe Streets and to operate a drive-in ice service at this location.

Said building to be set back about 16 feet from the property line on Guadalupe Street, according to sketch submitted to the City Building Inspector.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd) A. J. Zilker, Jr. "

"Austin, Texas, April 26, 1932.

Mr. Adam R. Johnson,
City Manager,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Attached herewith is the request of A. J. Zilker, Jr., owner of the property at the southeast corner of the intersection of Guadalupe Street and 42nd Street, for permission to construct concrete driveways and operate a drive-in ice service storage at this location. This property has been zoned within the "C" Commercial Use District, and we recommend that the request be granted subject to the construction of concrete driveways as shown on the attached plan marked 2-G-169.

(Sgd) Orin E. Metcalfe,
City Engineer.

G. S. Moore,
Building Inspector. "

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A. J. Zilker, Jr., owner of the property at the southeast corner of the intersection of Guadalupe and 42nd Streets, the same being legally described as Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 3, Hyde Park Subdivision of the City of Austin, has made application to the City Council for permission to construct concrete driveways on 42nd Street and on Guadalupe Street, and to operate a drive-in ice service at this location; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has favorably considered the request; therefore,

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

THAT permission is hereby granted A. J. Zilker, Jr., owner of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 3, Hyde Park Subdivision of the City of Austin, to operate a drive-in ice service at this location and subject to said A. J. Zilker, Jr.'s constructing concrete driveways in accordance with attached plan marked 2-G-169, which plan is made a part of this resolution; and subject further to said A. J. Zilker, Jr.'s making provision for connecting any waste water that may occur in the operation of the ice service storage with the city storm sewer under the direction of the City Engineering Department.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council for its third reading the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO THE INTERNATIONAL-GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A RAILROAD TRACK OVER AND ACROSS WEST AVENUE, BETWEEN WEST THIRD STREET AND WEST FIFTH STREET IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The above ordinance was read the third time and laid over.

The Mayor moved that the following agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Street Railway Company be approved and ordered put on record and that the City Manager be authorized to execute same in the name of the City of Austin. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

"THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TRAVIS. |

THIS AGREEMENT, this day entered into between the City of Austin and the Austin Street Railway Company, RECITES:

THAT the City of Austin has determined to resurface Congress Avenue from the Colorado River Bridge to Eleventh Street, and East Sixth Street from the west side of East Avenue to

Congress Avenue, without cost or expense to the abutting property owners, and has directed the Austin Street Railway Company to raise its track on East Sixth Street from the west side of East Avenue to Congress Avenue, and to recondition its tracks from First Street to Eleventh Street on Congress Avenue, and to take up its rails on Congress Avenue from First Street to the Colorado River Bridge and the unused curve or right-hand branch-off on the East side of Congress Avenue to Eleventh Street, and has authorized and required the Austin Street Railway Company to take up its track on East Sixth Street from Waller Street to Chicon Street and to recondition the surface of said street occupied by said track between said points, and has demanded that said Street Railway Company pay for the work required of it or to do same at its own expense, and the said Street Railway Company is unable at this time to procure funds necessary to do said work; and in order that said work may not be delayed, the City of Austin has considered the necessity of furnishing the necessary funds to pay the actual expense and cost of said work, exclusive of necessary rails and special rail-work including frogs, switches and turnouts, said funds to be returned to the City, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter stated; now, therefore,

IT IS AGREED by and between the parties hereto, as follows:

1. THAT the Austin Street Railway Company will do all the work to be done on Congress Avenue and East Sixth Street required of it by the City of Austin, according to the plans and specifications of the City's Consulting Engineer; and will furnish all necessary rails and necessary special work, including frogs, switches and turnouts, incident thereto, and will take up its rails and remove the bricks and wooden blocks on that portion of the street now occupied by its tracks from Waller Street to Chicon Street on said East Sixth Street, and will prepare the street for the reception of concrete and other paving material necessary to recondition said portion of said Sixth Street from Waller Street to Chicon Street; and will remove its rails on Congress Avenue from First Street to the Colorado River Bridge and from the unused curve or right-hand branch-off on the east side of Congress Avenue at Eleventh Street, and will recondition and restore those portions of said streets occupied by said tracks to the same condition as the rest of said streets at said points, and to the satisfaction of the City; and it is agreed that all of said work shall be done at the cost and expense of said Austin Street Railway Company.

2. THAT the City of Austin agrees to furnish, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter stated, the necessary funds, but not to exceed \$7,500.00, to pay for the actual cost of doing all the work necessary to be done, in accordance with the plans and specifications of its Consulting Engineer, save and except the rails and special work including frogs, switches and turnouts, incident thereto; provided, that the Austin Street Railway Company will make weekly reports to the City's Consulting Engineer, showing the amount of work done and the actual cost thereof, and the Consulting Engineer shall have access at all times to all costs and figures pertaining to said work, and if he so elects shall have a time-keeper on the work; and the City of Austin shall advance to the Austin Street Railway Company on the first day of each month the cost of the work done the preceding month.

3. THAT the sum of money so advanced by the City of Austin for the prosecution and completion of said work, together with 6% interest thereon from the date of the completion and acceptance of the work of resurfacing said streets by the Southern Paving

Company, shall be repaid to the City of Austin by the Austin Street Railway Company in five equal annual installments, the first installment to be paid on or before one year from the date of the acceptance of said work, and a like installment in two, three, four, and five years, respectively, from the date of such acceptance.

4. It is further agreed and understood that the Austin Street Railway Company shall not be obligated to keep in repair the pavement the City is to replace between Eleventh Street and First Street on Congress Avenue, and on East Sixth Street between Congress Avenue and East Avenue between the rails of the Austin Street Railway Company and one foot on each side thereof; provided, that any portion of said paving that is disturbed by said Street Railway Company in the operation of its cars or in repairing its tracks, shall be replaced and conditioned by it at its own expense.

EXECUTED IN DUPLIACE this the 24th day of March, A. D. 1932.

THE CITY OF AUSTIN

By _____
City Manager.

AUSTIN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

By _____
President.

A communication from the Building Code Committee requesting that the City Council require all contractors engaged on the public works of the City to pay not less than the current scale of wages was read.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

THAT H. F. Kuehne, the Architect, be instructed to add to the Specifications for Labor and Material for the Construction of the Public Library Building, for the City of Austin, as prepared by him, the following:

The contractor shall comply with all provisions of Chapter 5, Article 1580 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to hours of labor and minimum wages to be paid all laborers and mechanics employed in the construction of the above building.

The contractor shall base his bid on the following wage scale for common and skilled labor, which is now the prevailing wage scale for this locality, and the General Contractor and all Sub-contractors shall pay this scale of wages to all laborers and mechanics respectively, employed at any time and/or during the entire course of construction of the said building, and shall submit to the Architect, when requested by him, all time books and other evidence of compliance with the requirements of this Addenda:

Asbestos Workers, not less than -----	\$1.00	per Hour
Bricklayers, not less than -----	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "
Iron Workers, Structural, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Iron Workers, Rods, not less than -----	.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "
Carpenters, not less than -----	.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "
Cement Finishers, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Elevators Constructors, not less than -----	1.25	" "
Granite Cutters, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Engineers, Hoisting, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Engineers, Excavation Machines, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Lathers, not less than -----	1.25	" "
Marble Workers, not less than -----	1.50	" "
Painters, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Plasterers, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Roofers, Slate and Tile, not less than -----	1.00	" "

Roofers, Composition, not less than -----	\$1.00	per Hour
Sheet Metal Workers, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Stone Cutters, not less than -----	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "
Stone Masons, not less than -----	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "
Tile Layers, not less than -----	1.50	" "
Truck Drivers, not less than -----	.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "
Laborers, not less than -----	.31 $\frac{1}{4}$	" "

Should it be discovered that the General Contractor or any Sub-contractor has caused any laborer or mechanic to refund or rebate any portion of the above scale of wages, the difference between the scale herein set down and the amount actually paid said laborer or mechanic up to the time of such discovery shall be deducted from any monies then due the General Contractor or Sub-contractor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT said Architect be also instructed to add to the Specifications for the Mechanical Equipment for said Public Library Building the general provisions above set out and the following minimum scale of wages:

Electricians, not less than -----	\$1.25	per Hour
Plumbers, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Steel Fitters, not less than -----	1.00	" "
Laborers, not less than -----	.31 $\frac{1}{4}$	" "

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

No further business coming before the Council, Councilman Mueller moved to recess subject to call of the Mayor. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Council then recessed.

Approved: *G. N. McFadden*
Mayor.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, May 5, 1932.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; absent, none.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Councilman Mueller moved the adoption of same as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The following citizens appeared before the Council and protested against the cutting of salaries and wages of city employes as recommended by the Sub-committee of the Travis County Taxpayers' League, and asked that the Council rescind its action in the matter:

- E. A. St. John
- Dr. E. P. Schoch
- Chas. B. Cook
- Chris Callan
- L. B. Speir
- R. B. Gragg