

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Meeting of the City Council
and the
Subdivision CommitteeAugust 18, 1953
2:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McAden presiding.

Roll Call:

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

Present also: Mr. Walter E. Seaholm, City Manager; Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr., City Attorney; Mr. C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works; Mr. Noble Latson, Assistant Director of Public Works; and Mr. Mike Mahoney, Planning Engineer.

Present also Members of the Subdivision Committee: Messrs. Howard Kuhlman, Martin Kermacy, C. A. Dye, Tom Graham, Trueman E. O'Quinn, Travis Howard, Clyde Cppus, Bill Bullard, Frank Montgomery, A. B. Beddow, Farren McNamara, and Mrs. Frederick Meyers.

MR. TOM GRAHAM wanted to know what the city's fiscal policy would be, and he thought this was the most important issue, as none of the subdividers were against paving, although a different type of paving would have to be decided upon and they did not believe the heavy type should be used outside the city. MR. COPUS asked that only the paving part be considered, and the other items of the ordinance be studied for another 60 or 90 days.

Discussion of Section 31 was held, as respects to the plats being approved by the City Council and still comply with the State Statute, Article 974-A. It was agreed that the wording be changed and that the Planning Commission would disapprove a plat subject to approval of the City Council on the utility contracts; then approval by the Planning Commission would be automatic. Councilman Long felt that any appeal should be made to the Council. The following subcommittee was appointed to study this phase of the ordinance together with adding that "Any such appeal shall be governed by TRIAL DE NOVO", and that the appeal would be within 30 days rather than 10 days. (SECTION 31)

COUNCILMAN LONG
MR. TRUEMAN E. O'QUINN
MRS W. T. WILLIAMS, JR.

Councilman Thompson outlined the main items which the Planning Commission felt should be ironed out: (1) Fiscal policy of the City; (2) Method of insuring and carrying out of the preliminary plan; (3) standards of paving; (4) area outside of the City limits.

MR. MARTIN KERMACY explained a Variance Clause which was recommended to be included in SECTION 31. MR. TOM GRAHAM explained the recommendation of the Planning Commission pertaining to a fiscal policy which would help subdividers develop on the outside of the City limits. MR. W. T. WILLIAMS, JR., suggested that there be a classification of subdivisions geographically or by character and that different regulations be made applicable to the different kinds of subdivisions. A sub-committee as follows was named to study this aspect of the ordinance:

MR. MARTIN KERMACY
MR. BILL BULLARD
MR. W. T. WILLIAMS, JR.
MR. MIKE MAHONEY

Councilman White suggested the committee all get together and come to the Council with its final decision to be worked out with the Council.

Councilman Pearson suggested in this study that the variances be pin^o pointed as to what to vary on. He favored strict definitions, that would remove fear from the subdivider that possibly one developer could sell the Commission one idea and another might not.

With regard to paving, the Mayor stated he had information from four contractors giving paving costs from \$3.28 down to \$3.00. One contractor suggested a five-year maintenance bond and another suggested laboratory tests. The City Manager explained the five-year maintenance bond would apply when specifications other than those set by the city were used. The following subcommittee was appointed to study paving specifications:

MRS FREDERICK MEYERS, CHAIRMAN
MR. TOM GRAHAM
MR. CLYDE COPUS
MR. A. B. BEDDOW
MR. NOBLE LATSON

MR. HOWARD KUHLMAN was appointed Chairman of the Subdivision Committee. MR. KUHLMAN then called a meeting of the general Committee for Friday, August 21st, at 2:00 P. M. in the Council Chamber.

DR. WUPPERMAN asked that after the Committee had met and worked out something workable, that it be publicized so that everybody would know what was being done.

MAYOR McADEN recommended that the subcommittees work on their particular phases and report back, and that the entire Committee and MR. MAHONEY and MR. WILLIAMS be ready to meet at the call of the Council, but that the call would not be less than seven days.

The Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED: _____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk