



Austin City Council MINUTES

For SEPTEMBER 2, 1987 - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - 1 P.M.

Council Chambers, 307 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

Memorandum To:

Mayor Cooksey called to order the special called meeting of the Council, noting the presence of all Councilmembers.

1987-88 FINANCIAL PLAN

Council had before them for consideration the second reading of the 1987-88 Financial Plan Ordinance. A question and answer period began the meeting.

RECESS

Council recessed its meeting from 3:55 to 4:05 p.m.

1987-88 FINANCIAL PLAN - (Continued)

(Positions Cut)

Motion

(Mayor Pro Tem Trevino took the chair)

Mayor Cooksey made a motion that the list of positions to be vacated be adopted as presented to the Council yesterday with one exception, eliminate from the list the financial personnel position in the Communications Department for a savings of \$424,612 in the General Fund and total for all funds, \$870,737. Councilmember Humphrey seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7-0. (List on file in the City Clerk's Office)

(Capital Outlay)

Motion

Councilmember Shipman made a motion to eliminate \$100,000 in capital outlay with the stipulation that the City Manager will inform Council on September 3, 1987, exactly what the items will be to comprise \$100,000. Councilmember Humphrey seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7-0.

(Library Services)

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino took the chair.

Mayor Cooksey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Shipman to restore branch libraries for a total of \$299,388. Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Motion

Mayor Cooksey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Carl-Mitchell to keep the Central Library open on Sunday. (7-0 Vote) Amount, \$31,400.00.

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Cooksey's motion, Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's second, reduced the cut in the book budget (libraries) by 15%. (5-2 Vote, Councilmembers Nofziger and Humphrey voted No)

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Cooksey's motion, Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's second, created one telephone referral position for service in the Central Library. (6-1 Vote, Councilmember Humphrey voted No.)

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Cooksey's motion, Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's second, approved an information desk in the Central Library on the 2nd and 3rd floors. (6-1 Vote, Councilmember Humphrey voted No.)

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Cooksey's motion, Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's second, approved a half time position in the History Center. (6-1 Vote, Councilmember Humphrey voted No.)

(Library Hours)

Motion

Mayor Cooksey made a motion to close each regional branch of the library one day a week, to be chosen by the library system. Councilmember Humphrey seconded the motion.

Motion Amended

Mayor Cooksey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Carl-Mitchell to reduce the library budget by \$180,944 to be applied in whatever manner to produce the most efficient library service possible to the patrons but not to close the Central Library.

(Library Hours - Cont.)

Friendly Amendment

Councilmember Shipman offered a friendly amendment that this not entail closing any library one day a week.

Mayor Cooksey said he would accept the amendment if it is possible and Councilmember Carl-Mitchell accepted the friendly amendment. (The Mayor asked that staff let him know if this is possible.)

Roll Call on Amended Motion with Friendly Amendment7-0 Vote

(Salary Cuts)

Motion - WITHDRAWN

Councilmember Nofziger made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Humphrey to reduce salaries 3% for the City Councilmembers, 4% for employees making between \$40-60,000, 5% for employees making above \$60,000.

(Staff needed to supply more information to Council)

RECESS

Council recessed its meeting from 5:10 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(Stability Pay)

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Carl-Mitchell to restore stability pay for employees who have been with the City three years or more for an amount of \$1,051,859.

Substitute Motion - DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino took the chair.

Mayor Cooksey offered a substitute motion to restore stability pay for employees who have been with the City five years or more for an amount of \$933,689. There was no second to the motion.

Roll Call on Motion6-0 Vote, Councilmember Humphrey abstained

(Car Allowance)

Motion

The Council, on Mayor Pro Tem Trevino's motion, Councilmember Shipman's second, reinstated car allowances in the amount of \$108,120 for monthly mileage for inspectors in various departments. (7-0 Vote)

(Reconsider Stability Pay)

Motion - DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino took the chair.

Mayor Cooksey made a motion to reconsider the motion on stability pay. Motion died for lack of second.

(Salary Cuts)

Motion

Councilmember Nofziger made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Humphrey to reduce salaries 3% for Council, 4% between \$40-50,000 and 5% above \$50,000, amounting to a savings of approximately \$656,500 to the General Fund.

Motion Amended

Councilmember Nofziger amended his motion to exclude Civil Service employees from the cuts.

Roll Call on Amended Motion - FAILED

2-4-0 Vote, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers Carl-Mitchell, Shipman and Urdy voted No, Mayor Cooksey abstained.

(Second Reading of Ordinance)

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Carl-Mitchell's motion, Councilmember Urdy's second, passed through SECOND READING ONLY an ordinance adopting the 1987-88 Financial Plan as amended, including:

- a. Adoption of the 1987-88 Operating Budget
- b. Adoption of the 1987-88 Capital Budget
- c. Approval of Historic Property Tax Exemptions
- d. Approval of fees, rates and charges
- e. Reimpose the sales tax on gas and electricity for residential use

(6-1 Vote, Councilmember Humphrey voted No.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cooksey announced Council would go into executive session pursuant to Article 6252-17, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation & personnel matters. No final action will be taken unless specifically listed on the agenda for this meeting: 1. Pending Litigation - Section 2, Paragraph e. a. City of Austin v. Houston Lighting & Power, b. Overton et al v. City of Austin.

RECESS & ADJOURNMENT - Council recessed its meeting at 6:45 & adjourned at 7:41 p.m.