

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1937.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P. M., with Mayor Tom Miller presiding. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen C. F. Alford, Simon Gillis, Mayor Tom Miller, and Councilman Oswald G. Wolf, 4; absent, Councilman Bartholomew, 1.

J. E. McClain, representing the Austin Street Railway Company, and a large number of taxicab owners were present.

Mayor Miller stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the advisability of increasing the number of taxicabs allowed, and declared the matter open for discussion.

H. W. Pittman and A. G. Heath, representing the Longhorn Taxicab Company, protested the increase, on the grounds that there was no demand for additional taxicabs, except in rainy weather, at which time it would be impossible anyway to take care of all the calls; and that because of the overhead expense it was difficult for the taxicab owners now operating to make a living.

Felix Pollard, representing the Congress Taxicab Company, stated that he did not think there was any shortage in the number of 20-cent taxicabs.

J. E. McClain asked that action on the matter be deferred until such time as the Austin Street Railway Company could submit data showing that the number of taxicabs per capita in Austin was larger than in any other city.

H. E. Sites asked that a terminal for the colored taxicabs be established and the operators bonded.

After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of opinion that Patton's and Lightsey's should be granted additional cabs, as said companies were not in competition with the 20-cent taxicabs, and that the number of colored taxicabs should be limited and bonded.

The Council then took the matter under advisement.

Approved:

Tom Miller
Mayor

Attest:

Hollie McCallan
City Clerk.