

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Called Meeting

September 21, 1981
5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmembers
Cooke, Urdy, Mullen, Snell, Deuser

Absent: None

Mayor McClellan stated that this was a Special Called Council Meeting for the purpose of a public hearing on the following:

5:00 P.M.

1. 1981-86 CIP
2. General Revenue Sharing
3. Fees and Rates
4. Consider establishing a service connection fee to connect all new electrical service within the system.

6:00 P.M.

1. Tax Rate

Mayor McClellan announced that the CIP will not be adopted this week.

Motion

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council meet in a work session at 3:00 p.m. on September 22, 1982, rather than 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as scheduled. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Deuser
Noes: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Not in Council Chamber when roll was called: Councilmember Urdy

Ms. Lee Thomson, Budget Director, reviewed the figures for CIP, General Revenue Sharing and tax rate.

Helen Spear, vice president, Library Commission, said many items have been eliminated at staff level. She asked for restoration of the book budget and phone reference service, which has not been cut. A member of the Library Commission also spoke for the library.

Resse Blancoe asked questions such as what are fringe benefits, and what part time seasonal help does. Councilmember Mullen answered the former by saying they are insurance, social security, etc. Mayor McClellan answered the second by saying they are for the parks, school crossing guards, etc.

Suzanne Adiern asked for branch library facilities in the far north of the City. She said it will cost \$93,000.00.

Joe Riddell addressed the Electric Department proposal and said he thinks all levels of bonds should be approved by the voters and new facilities for the City should be paid for by the developers.

John Paul Crawford, representing North Austin Neighborhood Association, asked for a library which will adequately serve them.

Cliff Drummond, President of Water District #10 Board of Directors, opposed a raise in water rates. He said they already pay more than anyone else and he felt all classes should be raised the same percent.

RECESS

Mayor McClellan announced the public hearing on Tax Rate was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. and the public hearing scheduled for 5:00 p.m. will be resumed after the 6:00 p.m. public hearing has been closed. Council recessed its hearing at 6:05 p.m. and resumed the hearing at 6:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

David Wier appeared and said he hopes Council will not raise water and wastewater rates 10% to make up for the bond failure. He wants creative financing in the City government and all frills taken away. He felt they should not be punished for defeating the bond issue. The Mayor stated 5.7 would be for Proposal 7. Councilmember Deuser disagreed. Mr. Wier said if the rates were raised any they would be back. Councilmember Mullen stated no one spoke on the tax rate.

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino moved that Council close the public hearing; vote will be taken on the tax rate Thursday, September 24, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Deuser, Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmember Urdy
Noes: None

5:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING RESUMED

Council resumed its 5:00 p.m. public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Joe Lang discussed social and cultural aspects. He said the City allocation should be raised to take care of Federal cuts. Mayor Pro Tem Trevino said that would be impossible.

Dorothy Turner, representing Colony Park Neighborhood Association, said they are totally without a playground and would like one.

Bob Pugh, Lost Creek, asked Council not to raise water rates as it would make them very high.

Brenda Oliver, ATOC, asked for support.

J.O. Musick, President, Retirees Coordinating Board, asked for a \$50,000 exemption on homesteads for those 65 years old and older.

W. T. Mays supports increase in exemptions.

A government teacher from Lanier High School said his students get more help with their research papers for elected officials than they do from staff.

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino moved that the Council close the public hearing. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Deuser, Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Urdy

Noes: None

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 6:45 p.m.

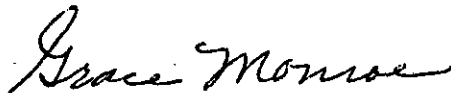
APPROVED



Mayor

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ATTEST:



City Clerk