

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS
Special Called Council Meeting
September 18, 1981
12:00 Noon
Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan, Goodman, Mullen

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmember Urdy

Mayor McClellan stated the Special Called Meeting of the Council was a budget public hearing on the following:

ARTS	---	12:00 Noon - 3:00 P.M.
SOCIAL SERVICES	---	4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor also announced there are three ordinances to be considered.

MEETING TIME CHANGED

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS; PROVIDING THAT THE REGULAR STARTING TIME OF THE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1981, CITY COUNCIL MEETING BE CHANGED FROM 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 A.M.; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Mayor McClellan, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

PUBLIC HEARING - ARTS

Mayor McClellan announced Council would now begin their budget work session and public hearing on the arts.

Austin Chamber of Commerce

Councilmember Duncan asked Mr. Vic Mathias, Austin Chamber of Commerce, if they have a break down of expenditures in the area of tourism. Mr. Mathias said tourism requires two reports a year. One is done at the close of the City's fiscal year which is usually about 3-4 inches tall. They also provide the City with an audit from their CPA. They also provide a mid-year report to the City.

Mexican American Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Gus Garcia said they file the same report with the City.

Arts Commission Presentation

Paul Lesch, Chairman, Arts Commission, discussed the contract process. He said it is long and involved to allow opportunities for input and negotiation. The staff obtains a preliminary estimate on the bed tax in the spring, then applications are due May 1. This year 59 applications were received. Staff then makes detailed recommendations which are mailed out to all applicants so they can comment and respond. In June and July the Commission breaks down in panels and they ask written questions of the applicant at the meetings through staff and make their proposals at a Saturday work session when applicants are allowed to be present and answer

questions. Recommendations are finalized at the regular meeting when full presentations are allowed. This year, Mr. Lesch said, they tried to channel as much money downtown as they could. The contracts reflect, also, their interest in fostering cooperation between organizations for the purpose of efficiency and using money to help arts groups help themselves. They put special emphasis this year on the development of minority arts units. Mr. Lesch said they have just been awarded, although the final letter has not come, the entire \$20,000 in expansion arts money they have been fighting with the National Endowment for the Arts about for the past 6 months. This money, he said, is not used to displace bed tax money. It is clearly supplemental. Part of the money is a one time disbursement and the groups who are recipients cannot know what the NEA will do next year. The overwhelming percentage of the funds will be used to pay for staff. He said they hope this will break the "catch 22" cycle where the Texas Commission for the Arts and other funding sources legitimately criticize groups for poor administration while other groups ask how they can run programs without staff.

After Council asked Mr. Lesch questions concerning bed tax, Mayor McClellan commended him on the hard work which the Arts Commission does.

Esparza Andrerris, representing himself, appeared before Council and said that Blacks and Chicanos do not use Laguna Gloria, therefore, if the City is using money for the museum it should be located where the Blacks and Chicanos can use it. Mr. Lesch stated that Laguna Gloria has programs for a large percentage of Mexicans and Blacks and does more for them than any other institution. Mr. Lesch went on to say the amount of money funded to Laguna Gloria is large because traditionally City museums receive the most funding.

Joe Liro appeared before Council and said Laguna Gloria's contract with First Federal for art displays, etc., will terminate the first of the year because they need the space.

No one else appeared to be heard.

Motion

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council close the public hearing. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Deuser, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Deuser, Duncan, Goodman, Mullen, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino, Councilmember Urdy

RECESS

Council recessed its meeting at 1:05 and resumed its recessed meeting at 4:07 p.m. All Councilmembers were present.

NOVEMBER ELECTION SET

The Council had before them for consideration the following ordinances:

Consider an ordinance ordering an election November 3, 1981 relating to the South Texas Nuclear Project.

Consider an ordinance ordering an election relating to the amendment of the Fair Housing Ordinance to include sexual orientation as a protected classification.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Duncan to waive the requirement for three readings and finally pass an ordinance ordering an election November 3, 1981 relating to the South Texas Nuclear Project.

Substitute Motion

Councilmember Mullen made a substitute motion, seconded by the Mayor to waive the requirement for three readings and finally pass an ordinance ordering an election on November 3, 1981 relating to the South Texas Nuclear Project and to the amendment of the Fair Housing Ordinance to include sexual orientation as a protected classification.

Councilmember Deuser was of the opinion that it would be important to include the same wording on the ballot concerning the sexual orientation amendment as there is on the petition. The Mayor agreed.

Motion to Divide Question - Died for Lack of Second

Councilmember Deuser made a motion to divide the question. There was no second, so motion died.

Call for Question

There was a Call for Question. Roll call showed the following vote:

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

Noes: Councilmember Mullen, Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Deuser

Failed to pass, 2/3 voted needed.

Mayor McClellan addressed the issue of STNP by saying this issue has been before the voters six times. She said the people should be asked to speak up about the subject they are interested in and if they want a vote on the fair housing amendment then they should be allowed to have the question included on the November ballot. She said it would save money to have both issues voted on at the same time with the County election. Councilmember Duncan argued that the vote on the Nuke is not related to fair housing. Mayor McClellan stated another election would have to be budgeted for in the amount of \$40,000 and that money could be saved to buy things people need. Discussion followed.

Roll Call - Substitute Motion - FAILED

Roll Call on Substitute Motion showed the following vote:

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

Roll Call on Motion

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON NOVEMBER 3, 1981, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION, A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF AUSTIN'S SIXTEEN PERCENT (16%) INTEREST IN THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT (NUCLEAR); MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Duncan, carried by the following vote:

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

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Motion

Councilmember Duncan moved that the Council use paper ballots for the November 3, 1981 election. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Mullen

SOCIAL SERVICES

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing set for 4:00 p.m. on Social Services.

Carlos Hererra and Buck Apelt, Human Services Department, discussed the application procedure.

The following people requested funds for their organization:

Mrs. Cecil Cabiness - Old Bakery
Willie Kocurek - Old Bakery
Sarah - Central East Austin Community Organization
Sharon Ursh - Planned Parenthood
Margret Hofmann - Sponsor Coordinators for Refugees
Billy Simpson - Austin Resource Center for Individual Living
Susan Blackerby - Austin Women's Center
John Brubacker - Austin-Travis County MHMR
Darlene Scherr - Alcoholism Counseling Program
Ravina Jackson - Austin Area Urban League
Barbara Hale - People's Community Clinic
Dr. Paula Noke - People's Community Clinic
Barbara Mey - Austin Association for Retired Citizens
Barbara Cohen - Austin Association for Retired Citizens
Jim George - Legal Aid Service
Darlene Clements - Max Gottchman Center (United Cerebral Palsey)
Larry Brownsteen - Planned Parenthood
Jennifer Wolfram - Austin Tenant's Council
J.B. Brannen - Child and Family Service
LeRoy Haverlay - Capital Area Rehabilitation Center
Mike Schless - Child Guidance Center
Karen Queesby - Teen Age Parent Council
Hally Casy - Extend-A-Care
Marie Cruse - Extend-A-Care

Lynn Cooksey - ACTV
Carl Siegentaller - Capital Area Food Bank
Glenn Maloney - Volunteer Center
Larry Waterhouse - Middle Earth
Jesse Flores - Youth Advocacy
Terri Gillis - Child Care for Austin Families
Mr. Best - Vaughn House
Joel Pryor - Indo China Refugees
Joe Ellen Crumley - Texas Department of Human Resources
Father Joe Korchmeier - South Austin Neighborhood Council
Rose Lancaster - Austin Area Human Services Association
An unidentified man - Austin Community Gardens
Victor Muellen - Austin Community Gardens
Eleanor McKinney - Austin Community Gardens

Frank Horsfal - asked for more information concerning what groups are trying to do.

Motion


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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk