

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

August 27, 1970
9:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor LaRue presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue

Absent: None

Invocation was delivered by REVEREND JOHN C. TOWERY, Congregational
Church of Christ.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Price moved the Council approved the Minutes of the Meeting
of August 13, 1970. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the
following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

RECONSIDERATION OF THE HUSTON ZONING REQUEST
CONCERNING RIGHT OF WAY

After discussion, Councilman Price moved the Council grant the following
zoning application subject to 7½ feet of right of way rather than the 12½ feet:

MARY ALICE HUSTON	1505-1509 Waller Street	From "A" Residence To "BB" Residence RECOMMENDED by the Planning Commission subject to 12.5' of right of way on Waller Street
C14-70-123	901-903 East 16th Street	

The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following
vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

REFUND CONTRACTS

Mayor LaRue introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN REFUND CONTRACT WITH WEST-
OVER HILLS OF TEXAS, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Water and sewer mains in Westover Hills, Section 6 -
\$74,536.34)

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Price moved that
the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The
motion, seconded by Councilman Atkison, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Price moved that
the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The
motion, seconded by Councilman Atkison, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Price moved that the
ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Atkison,
carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor LaRue introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER TO
ENTER INTO A CERTAIN REFUND CONTRACT WITH AUSTEX
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LTD.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Water and sewer mains in Quail Creek, Section 3 -
\$36,253.67)

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Price moved that the
rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion,
seconded by Councilman Atkison, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Price moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Atkison, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Price moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Atkison, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Members of the Council asked for a report on the Refund Contract Policy. Mayor LaRue suggested that the City Manager be authorized to explore the situation without any commitment on the part of the Council for future course of action. Different Council Members listed the particular information which each wanted included in this report.

ORDINANCE AMENDING AUSTIN CITY CODE

Mayor LaRue introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-1 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967, REDEFINING THE TERM "BICYCLE" AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Johnson moved the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Johnson moved the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Johnson moved the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager was to check if the ordinance required lights.

ORDINANCE VACATING STREET

Mayor LaRue introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND PERPETUALLY CLOSING
FOR PUBLIC USE THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF OLD SOUTH
FIRST STREET, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY,
TEXAS; RETAINING AN EASEMENT IN THE CITY FOR SANITARY
SEWER PURPOSES; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE
READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Janes moved the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Atkison, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Janes moved the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Atkison, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Janes moved the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Atkison, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

(Portion of old South 1st Street from Town Lake southerly an average distance of 150'.) Councilman Johnson noted there was quite a bit of unsightly fill at this location.

EASEMENTS RELEASED

Councilman Gage offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a certain easement was granted to the City of Austin for public utility purposes by map or plat of Cherry Creek V, a subdivision of record in Plat Book 48 at Page 43 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; said easement being out of and a part of Lots 18 and 19, Block F of said Cherry Creek V, a subdivision of a portion of the Theodore Bissel League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owners of the above described property have requested the City Council of the City of Austin to release the hereinafter described portion of said easement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the hereinafter described portion of said easement is not now needed and will not be required in the future; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Deputy City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the following described portion of said public utility easement, to-wit:

Two (2) strips of land; the strip of land hereinafter described as Number One being out of and a part of Lot 18, Block F, the strip of land hereinafter described as Number Two being out of and a part of Lot 19, Block F, both of Cherry Creek V, a subdivision of a portion of the Theodore Bissel League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said subdivision of record in Plat Book 48 at Page 43 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; each of the said two (2) strips of land being more particularly described as follows:

NUMBER ONE, BEING the north 118.48 feet of the west seven and one-half (7.50) feet of the said Lot 18.

NUMBER TWO, BEING the north 118.48 feet of the east seven and one-half (7.50) feet of the said Lot 19.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Janes, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

Councilman Gage offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a certain easement was granted to the City of Austin for public utility purposes by map or plat of Placindena, a subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, of record in Book 4 at Page 244 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; said easement being out of and a part of Lots 6 through 10, Block B, of said subdivision; and;

WHEREAS, the owners of the above described property have requested the City Council of the City of Austin to release the hereinafter described portion of said easement; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the hereinafter described portion of said easement is not now needed and will not be required in the future; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Deputy City Manager of the City of Austin be, and he is hereby authorized to execute a release of the following described portion of said public utility easement, to-wit:

Five (5) strips of land, each of the said five (5) strips of land being five (5.00) feet in width and being out of and a part of Lots 6 through 10, Block B, Placindena, a subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, of record in Book 4 at Page 244 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; each of the said five (5) strips of land being more particularly described as follows:

NUMBER ONE BEING all of the north five (5.00) feet of said Lot 6, Block B.

NUMBER TWO BEING all of the north five (5.00) feet of said Lot 7, Block B.

NUMBER THREE BEING all of the north five (5.00) feet of the east twenty-seven (27.00) feet of said Lot 8, Block B.

NUMBER FOUR BEING all of the south five (5.00) feet of the east twenty-seven (27.00) feet of said Lot 9, Block B.

NUMBER FIVE BEING all of the south five (5.00) feet of said Lot 10, Block B.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Janes, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

SPEED LIMIT SET

Councilman Price offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, after an engineering and traffic investigation, the City Council has found that the circumstances are such that the maximum, reasonable and safe speed for the operation of vehicles at the following locations is more than thirty (30) miles per hour; and,

WHEREAS, after said investigation, the City Council has found that the maximum, reasonable and safe speed for the operation of vehicles is thirty-five (35) miles per hour at the following locations:

<u>ON STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Lake Austin Boulevard	Hearn Street	The West 1st - West 5th - West 6th Streets Connection
West 6th Street	North Lamar Boulevard	Lake Austin Boulevard (Westbound)
West 5th Street	Lake Austin Boulevard	North Lamar Boulevard (Eastbound);

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Clerk be authorized and instructed to record this finding in Section 21-42 of the Traffic Register.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Janes, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on August 18, 1970, for the construction of a Chain Link Fence at Ullrich Water Treatment Plant; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Allied Chain Link Fence Company, in the sum of \$7,992.38 was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Construction Engineering of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Allied Chain Link Fence Company, in the sum of \$7,992.38 be and the same is hereby accepted and that L. H. Andrews, City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City with Allied Chain Link Fence Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

Councilman Price offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on August 14, 1970 for Fifty (50) Tons of Sodium Hexametaphosphate to be used by the Water Treatment Division; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Calgon Corporation in the sum of \$9,810.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Calgon Corporation in the sum of \$9,810.00 be and the same is hereby accepted and that L. H. Andrews, City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City with Calgon Corporation.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Gage, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

Councilman Price offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on August 3, 1970, for 113 each Transducers to be used by the Electric Distribution Division; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Scientific Columbus in the sum of \$8,127.50 was the lowest and best bid therefor and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Scientific Columbus in the sum of \$8,127.50 be and the

same is hereby accepted and that L. H. Andrews, City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City with Scientific Columbus.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

PUBLIC HEARING SET

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, L. H. Andrews, City Manager, has prepared a proposed budget for the operation of the City of Austin for the fiscal year 1970-1971 in compliance with applicable provisions of State law and the City Charter of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, on August 27, 1970, said budget was submitted to the City Council by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the public hearing on said budget will be held in the City Council Chamber at the City Hall on September 14, 1970, at 10:00 A.M.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Clerk shall, at least ten (10) intervening days before said hearing date, publish, or cause to be published, public notice advertising said public hearing.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Price, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The City Manager suggested the tentative date of adopting the Budget be September 24th; and if there were any problems, the Council could call Special Meetings and have time to comply with the September 27th requirement. (Work Session - 7:00 P.M., September 1, 1970) The tax Rate Ordinance would be scheduled 30 days after the filing of the Budget, which would be September 28th.

REPORT ON DISTRICT REVALUATION FOR TAX PURPOSES ON AN ANNUAL AND BIENNIAL BASIS

The City Manager regarding revaluation of properties on an annual or biennial basis, reported that on a two year evaluation, it would take about \$235,000 to re-evaluate each two years, and \$500,000 if done annually. He

suggested setting values only once each two years, beginning in 1970; and in 1972, the city-wide changes in valuation could be made. Everyone in the City would have the same change at the same time, but they would be on a two-year basis with a total complex situation of one year. Discussion ensued on this plan; also on the manner of appraising properties. It was brought out that the reappraisal was not done with the thought that it would generate additional revenue, as the Tax Assessor and Collector by State Statute is to try to establish the fair market value on properties.

COLISEUM

The City Manager reported a study was under way regarding various activities held at the Coliseum and the use of police in connection therewith. He would have a recommendation the following week for a basic policy of operation.

CONCESSION - AUDITORIUM - COLISEUM

The City Manager made a financial report on the payments by the Concessionaire under the contract. He pointed out various items in the contract. Also they were attempting to locate a contract covering a concession for dispensing cigarettes. This is an administrative item, and he was only bringing the status to the attention of the Council.

SCHOOL BUS FARES

Councilman Gage noted that the bus company was to charge school children a 20 cent fare, and he believed there was a State Statute that set out the company can charge only half the regular fare for school children. He asked the City Manager to instruct the City Attorney to research this and follow through with it and if there is a State Statute prohibiting charging more than half fare, he would want that enforced; also he would want it in the ordinance. The City Manager explained the school routes were not a part of the franchise; but it did allow charter service where no fares were stipulated. The City Attorney stated he would bring in a full report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH THE CITY BELONGS

Councilman MacCorkle suggested if organizations to which the City has membership were unwilling to furnish financial statements, the City should not belong or pay fees. Councilman MacCorkle then moved that those organizations to which the City holds membership and pays dues, that the organization provide a financial statement, or at the end of this fiscal year, those dues be terminated. Councilman Price seconded the motion.

Considerable discussion took place, particularly regarding the budgeting of such items. Councilman MacCorkle suggested that these organizations be notified that if their financial statement is not forthcoming, they will be dropped, and not budgeted. Councilman Price stated he would want to know how these organizations spent this money. Later he withdrew his second.

The Mayor said there is an indication on the part of the Council that they were going to take a very close look at all of the expenditures the City

has been making in the past for memberships and dues. The City Attorney stated these matters would be resolved again as the Council reviewed the budget. Councilman MacCorkle's motion died for lack of a second.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE TO KEEP ABREAST
OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Councilman MacCorkle noted in large cities, there was tendency to have representatives on their staffs to keep up with what goes on in Washington, D. C. and what goes on at State Capitols. Services from these various organizations is practically nil, and Austin winds up having to make its own studies, does its own research. The larger cities do not receive the service.

STATUS OF GAS CONSULTANT REPORT

Councilman Johnson inquired about the report from the Gas Consultant. The City Attorney, Mr. Butler, stated the consultant was evaluating information he had received from the gas company and would make a preliminary recommendation; and then the City would make a decision whether to go on further with the consulting services. The City Manager stated this item could be on the agenda for September 3rd, and he would have a preliminary report out to the Council the early part of next week.

BIDS ON POLE TRANSFORMERS

The City Manager reported bids for three months' supply of pole transformers had been received. There were six bids, including 36 individual bids, and 35 were identical in price. He would have a report back to the Council by next meeting.

REQUEST FOR PRESENVATION OF TREES

MR. MARK EVANS, representing a group of high school youths urged that the City encourage the planting of trees, and requiring the replacement of dead or removed trees, by ordinance if necessary. Mayor LaRue stated he saw no reason why such suggestion could not be followed. It was pointed out during one administration, citizens planted pecan trees all over Austin. At another time citizens and civic groups had made tree planting their projects. Before the Council asked others to participate, Mayor LaRue suggested that the City Manager be asked if something could be done to encourage tree planting on all City properties. Employees working with the Parks and the Public Works Departments have been instructed to spare every tree possible; and if one had to be taken out, it should be replaced elsewhere. Hundreds of trees had been replanted after removal from the Decker area. He stated the City Manager would stress throughout all of the Departments, that trees be saved, or replanted. The Mayor expressed appreciation to Mr. Evans, Mr. Ralph Bickler for their appearance this morning. Mr. Ralph Bickler was representing Mrs. Chris Charles.

... essed until 2:00 P.M.

Mayor LaRue introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (a)(1) OF SECTION 34-79, CHAPTER 34 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION AND FRANCHISING OF BUSES CARRYING PASSENGERS FOR HIRE; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Janes moved the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Gage, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price, Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Janes moved the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Gage, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price, Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Janes moved the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Gage, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price, Mayor LaRue

Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The Council recessed until 2:00 P.M.

RECESSED MEETING

2:00 P.M.

At 2:00 P.M. the Council resumed its business.

BUDGET FILED WITH COUNCIL

The City Manager read into the Minutes the Letter of Transmittal accompanying the Budget, as follows:

"August 27, 1970

"Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council
City of Austin
Austin, Texas

"Gentlemen:

"I am pleased to transmit the proposed 1970-71 City of Austin annual budget for your consideration. It is my hope that the new budget design will enable the Council, news media and interested citizens to more easily review the recommendations. Production of this budget has required an increased effort by all departments and particularly by the Budget and Finance staff.

"We are recommending a budget which can be financed with available resources. Therefore, no increase in the tax rate is required. We have scrutinized detailed elements of each departmental recommendation including personnel, travel, transportation expenses, equipment and other contractual items. An attempt has been made to carefully estimate necessary commodities, including office supplies, tools and building materials. Capital requests of a permanent nature costing more than \$10,000 have been transferred to the Capital Improvement Program for further consideration.

"Sufficient funds are included within each department to provide a five per cent general wage increase for all non-exempt personnel to help retain the buying power of employee salaries. The cost of this item is estimated to be \$1,600,000. Upon receipt of actuarial studies, a recommendation will be forwarded to Council to upgrade employee pension plans.

"The total recommended general fund budget is \$33,232,210 as compared to an approved budget for the current year of \$31,296,235. The difference indicates an increase of \$1,935,975. Considering that this includes the \$1,600,000 necessary for the wage increase, the recommended general fund budget for 1970-71 represents a net increase of \$335,975 over the previous year. A total of 4574 full time employees were suggested by departments. In cooperation with department heads, this has been reduced to a recommended 4346 full time employees

"The recommendations contained in the budget document represents our best judgement at this time; however, studies will continue to be made for the purpose of evaluating services rendered and to effectuate economy throughout 1970-71. Of course, any suggested change will be brought to the attention of the City Council. A number of significant items should be brought to your attention:

- "1. Construction Engineering - Expended to provide full coordination of Capital Improvement Administration. Major portion of this cost is charged to C.I.P.

- "2. Research and Analysis - Proposed department to survey municipal conditions and programs and assist in recommending new techniques and operations for the future.
- "3. Tax - Growth requirements indicate the need for additional clerical personnel to research delinquent accounts, administer payment contracts and maintain current addresses of taxpayers.
- "4. Model Cities - No budget submitted pending receipt of H.U.D. consideration. A budget will be recommended when appropriate.
- "5. Public Information - Authorized by Council this year, the department will primarily utilize employees transferred from other areas. The Service and Information Center will continue to handle requests, inquiries and complaints from citizens. Factual materials about Austin Municipal Government will be provided to news media. Printing services is re-organized to produce quality, economical work for all departments.
- "6. Special Services - For the convenience of Council's review, a tabulation of funds paid to organizations and agencies is provided. In past years, certain of these allocations were contained within other departmental budgets.
- "7. Public Property Management - Recommended with an additional clerk to establish adequate records systems for property inventory.
- "8. Auditing - Expanded to improve accounting procedures, record control and to institute internal audit within all departments on a continuing basis. This project is considered urgent.
- "9. Budget Division - Increased by two analysts and one secretary to continue improved budget preparation techniques and to institute effective budget control.
- "10. Police - Two lieutenants and six sergeants added to properly staff special services of the Criminal Investigation Division. This is necessary due to recent trends in narcotics traffic. Six additional positions recommended in headquarters to provide minimum needs for clerical, stenographic and key punch personnel. Animal control transferred to Health Department.
- "11. Fire Department - Includes Fire Prevention and Civil Defense, formerly separate departments. Twenty one additional firefighters recommended to add three men to each of seven ladder companies or one man per shift. Would bring the "per shift" strength on first line engines and ladders to four men. As a result, overtime can be eliminated and out insurance "key rate" charge may be removed.
- Ten new emergency boxes are proposed adjacent to schools and major intersections. Dispatchers are increased to improve efficiency and eliminate overtime.
- Civil Defense personnel reduced from twelve to seven, and total budget down \$46,610.

"12. Traffic and Transportation - Taxi-cab inspection personnel and parking lot attendants deleted. Four additional school guards recommended (probably will be women under the new program) and one electrician trainee is added to improve systematic maintenance of traffic signals.

"13. Meadowbrook Code Enforcement - Budgeted for three months into 1970-71 when program will be completed.

"14. East Austin Neighborhood Enforcement - Funds provided to undertake Phase I, which is authorized by Council.

"15. Engineering Division - Five mobile radios proposed to increase effectiveness of construction inspection personnel. One clerk requested for improved subdivision processing.

"16. Sanitation Division - Funds included for men and equipment necessary to service two additional collection routes.

"17. Cemeteries Division - No significant change is shown in budget. However, this division will be subject to major reorganization and upgrading during 1970-71 to insure genuine perpetual maintenance.

"18. Health Department - Reorganized under the new director into divisions of Administrative Services, Nursing Services, Personal Health Services and Environmental Health Services. A physician is proposed to replace part-time clinical services and a health training officer will aid the director in training employees as to standards, goals and objectives.

A modest increase in personnel is proposed for Nursing Services to maintain expanded immunization loads and neighborhood programs undertaken.

Home Care Service, Dental Clinic, Family Planning Clinics, Mental Health-Mental Retardation and Head Start are existing programs placed under the Division of Personal Health Services. The budget for Dental Clinic places employees on a payroll status instead of on a contractual basis. Most programs in this area are supported by Federal or State grants.

Recommendations for Environmental Health Services include:

- a) One new administrative position to head division.
- b) Creation of Air Pollution Control program, requiring two additional personnel.
- c) One additional sanitarian for weed control.
- d) Transfer of animal control from Police Department.
- e) Streamlining of existing services to reflect modern standards.

For the first time, all personnel working under the Health Department are shown even though some are paid by other agencies.

"19. Brackenridge Hospital - Recommendations are predicated upon the opening of Phase 1-A. new building. However, the total number of increased beds is a net of five to 260. Five nursing units will close, replaced by six units within the new building.

Increases are suggested for the operating room, pharmacy and pathology necessary primarily due to under-budgeting for the current year. Staff has been increased to improve emergency room service and to properly staff intensive card.

The Vocational Nursing School budget reflects the decision of Council to transfer its operation to Central Texas College. The Diploma nursing school is budgeted at its current level.

"20. Parks and Recreation - Major reorganization recommended within Parks maintenance to upgrade the appearance of Austin park land, waterways, street medians and other public property. Forty five stationary park custodians will be grouped into "roving" maintenance crews with modern equipment to perform the kind of improved maintenance that the Council has desired. No additional personnel required for this proposal - only equipment for mobilization of crews within a three district concept.

Emphasis will be placed upon a landscaping activity to remove diseased and overgrown trees and shrubs; to eliminate unkept flower beds; install barricades and to generally reduce maintenance requirements while improving appearance. Concentrated chemical weed control will be undertaken as well.

No change is requested in Ranger personnel. However, only six rangers and one supervisor are required to patrol park land areas. We are studying a proposal to patrol Lake Austin with highly trained water safety specialists in lieu of the three remaining ranger positions. Additional personnel and equipment are suggested for improved supervision and maintenance of Decker Lake and Lake Austin Park.

"21. Libraries - Included are provisions to open and operate Anderson North Central Branch for four months of fiscal year 1970-71. This has been approved within the last two budgets, but not opened due to construction delays.

"22. Working Capital - Five departments including Building Maintenance, Printing Services, Fleet Administration, Data Processing and Central Stores are organized as working capital accounts, with appropriate other departments charged for services rendered.

"23. Building Maintenance - To become consultant and coordinating agency for building maintenance and repairs in all City departments. We intend that the appearance of municipal properties will be improved in an economical manner.

"24. Fleet Administration - Fully budgeted for 1970-71, this department reflects the full cost of maintaining and operating the City's motorized fleet for the first time. Upon authorization by City Council, the department has operated with personnel transferred from other departments. Additional personnel are requested to properly staff the new Fleet objectives:

- a) Standardized specifications for acquisition of additional and replacement equipment.
- b) Systematic preventative maintenance.
- c) Assurance of an attractive, safe and serviceable fleet.
- d) Proper disposal of obsolete and junk equipment.
- e) A re-vitalized Fleet Safety Program.

"25. Data Processing - Significant increase due to additional equipment rental charges and additional supervision required. The department is under study to assure proper utilization of personnel and equipment.

"26. Utilities - Provisions are requested within Electric, Water and Wastewater to maintain service demands of our customers and to properly plan for future growth.

"We have attempted to reflect existing general Council policy within our recommendations. I sincerely hope that the proposed budget for 1970-71 is in accordance with your expectations with regard to the level of service that you desire.

"Respectfully submitted,
s/ L. H. Andrews
Lynn H. Andrews
City Manager"

MONTOPOLIS PROJECT

Councilman Janes noted receipt of a report regarding a project in the Montopolis Area. Councilman Gage asked for information on the number of parcels not yet acquired. The City Manager replied there were 40. Councilman Janes suggested that the people in the neighborhood could assist in acquiring the property. The Mayor had contacted FATHER FRED UNDERWOOD, and he too had suggested calling on the neighborhood, and they are now proceeding.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Gage moved the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman Price, carried by the following vote:

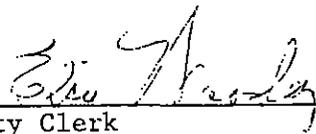
Ayes: Councilmen Atkison, Gage, Janes, Johnson, MacCorkle, Price,
Mayor LaRue
Noes: None

The Council adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

APPROVED _____

Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk