



Austin City Council  
MINUTES

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23, 2000**

The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2000 in Room 325, One Texas Center Building, 505 Barton Springs Road.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

1. Approve an ordinance calling an election for November 7, 2000 for the voters to consider a proposition for the issuance of general obligation bonds for transportation construction and improvements. (Proposition one).

**This item was approved on Monday, August 21, 2000.**

2. Approve an ordinance calling an election for November 7, 2000 for the voters to consider a proposition for the issuance of general obligation bonds for parks, recreational facilities and renovation.

**The motion to have an additional proposition on the November election for \$10 million for park renovations was made by Council Member Griffith and seconded by Council Member Thomas. This motion failed on a 2-3-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Council Members Griffith and Thomas. Those voting nay were: Mayor Watson, Council Members Slusher and Thomas. Those abstaining were: Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and Council Member Alvarez.**

3. Approve an ordinance calling an election for November 7, 2000 for the voters to consider a proposition for the issuance of general obligation bonds for the acquisition of conservation land and open space throughout the Austin area and environmentally sensitive land over the Edwards Aquifer throughout the Austin area.

**The second reading of the ordinance for Proposition 2, was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second by a 4-1-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Watson, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, and Council Members Alvarez and Slusher. Council Member Wynn voted nay. Those who abstained were: Council Member Griffith and Thomas.**

**Council Member Alvarez offered a friendly amendment to include \$12 Million for recreational amenities at Colony Park. Council Member Thomas seconded this. Council Member Slusher did not accept this as a friendly amendment because the Attorney General has advised that recreational facilities and open space acquisition should be separate propositions in a bond referendum. Council Member Alvarez withdrew his motion and Council Member Thomas withdrew his second.**

**Council Member Alvarez moved that a third proposition be added to the November bond referendum for \$12 M to provide recreational amenities at Colony Park. Council Member Griffith seconded this. The motion failed on a 3-3-1 vote. Those voting aye were: Council Members Alvarez, Griffith and Thomas. Those voting nay were: Mayor Watson, and Council Members Slusher and Wynn. Mayor Pro Tem Goodman abstained.**

4. Approve an ordinance calling an election for November 7, 2000 for the voters to consider a proposition for the issuance of general obligation bonds to support low and moderate income housing.

**Council Member Thomas moved that a proposition be on the November ballot to include the following: (1) that \$3 million of General Funds be set aside annually to create an estimated 60-80 housing units per year beginning in 2000; (2) that \$25 million in GO bonds be applied toward 430-1200 additional housing units as follows: 80 single family units - \$5 million; 40 units of transitional family housing - \$5 million; 60-80 units of assisted living - \$5 million; 250 to 1,000 units of family rental housing - \$10 million; and (3) \$1 million per year for the next ten years be set aside for housing from tax revenue generated by developments that have made use of public and private investments. Council Member Griffith seconded this. It failed on a 2-5 vote. Those voting aye were: Council Members Griffith and Thomas. Those voting nay were: Mayor Watson, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, and Council Members Alvarez, Slusher and Wynn.**

5. Approve an ordinance establishing covenants with the voters with respect to one or more bond propositions to be considered by the voters at the election called for that purpose on November 7, 2000.

**Action on this item will occur on Thursday, August 24, 2000.**

**The motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second by a 7-0 vote.**

**The minutes for Special Called Meetings of August 21, 2000 and August 23, 2000 and Regular Meeting of August 24, 2000 were approved as part of the consent agenda on Council Member Thomas' motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second by a 6-0 vote. Mayor Watson was absent.**