



**Austin City Council
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000**

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

The following represents the actions taken by the Austin City Council in the order they occurred during the meeting.

The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, September 11, 2000 in the Assembly Room of Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas, for the following purposes:

1. Approve an ordinance adopting the Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001, and making appropriations for each department, project, and account, including the errata.
The first reading of the ordinance was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second on a 7-0 vote. A number of friendly amendments were accepted by Council Member Slusher and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman as follows:
 - **Increase the 2000-01 General Fund beginning balance in the amount of \$2,189,103.**
 - **Amend the General Fund revenue and requirements per recommendations from the City Manager as follows:**
 - **Increase property tax revenue by \$1,600,341 resulting from a higher Certified Tax Roll received on August 31, 2000 and an increase in the calculated effective tax rate.**
 - **Decrease the budgeted sales tax revenue by \$623,000 to reflect a 9.5% growth rate over the current year estimate.**
 - **Increase the transfer from Austin Energy by \$1,900,000 to reflect the utility's increased current year estimated revenue.**
 - **Increase the transfer from Water Wastewater Utility by \$182,252 to reflect the utility's increased current year estimated revenue.**
 - **Decrease the Development Review Revenue by \$240,000 resulting from the elimination of the proposed Residential Review Fee.**
 - **Decrease the transfer to the Contingency Reserve Fund in the amount of \$615,194.**
 - **Increase the General Fund expenditures and transfers out per Attachment A to eliminate the proposed Sick Leave Buy Back program and increase Pay for Performance from 4% for "successful" and 6.5% for "exceptional" to 5% and 7%, respectively, in the amount of \$661,989.**

- **Restore five eliminated marshal FTE positions and increase the budget of the Municipal Court by \$204,000.**
 - **Increase the Transfer to Support Services (Small and Minority Business Resources - SMBR) by \$108,901 for restoration of two eliminated positions.**
 - **Increase the Transfer to Support Services (City Clerk) by \$100,000 for additional anticipated election costs in 2000-01 and the Sisters Cities program.**
- **The following motions were offered and are included in the main motion to amend the General Fund revenue and requirements per recommendations from the City Council:**
 - **The motion to provide the Austin Fire Department \$664,000 in funding and 37.0 new FTE positions for the task force staffing was approved on Council Member Alvarez' motion, Council Member Wynn's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to provide \$164,000 for Emergency Medical Services' (EMS) district commanders and equipment was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to provide \$675,000 for a new helicopter for the Austin Police Department was approved on Council Member Wynn's motion, Mayor Watson's second on a 5-0-2 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Watson, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, Council Members Alvarez, Slusher and Wynn. Those abstaining were: Council Members Griffith and Thomas.**
 - **The motion to provide \$70,000 for the Austin Police Department for two positions for the profile tracking program was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Council Member Thomas' second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to provide \$50,000 for the Health and Human Services Department for English as a Second Language program was approved on Council Member Alvarez' motion, Council Member Thomas' second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to provide \$160,000 additional funding for the Health and Human Services Department for the Capital Idea program was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Mayor Watson's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to provide \$220,000 additional funding for the Health and Human Services Department for Immigrant Health program was approved on Council Member Alvarez' motion, Council Member Slusher's second on a 7-0 vote. THIS ITEM WAS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2000.**
 - **The motion to provide \$265,000 additional funding for Health and Human Services for Mental Health Mental Retardation was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Council Member Wynn's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to increase funding by \$66,000 for the Health and Human Services Department for Youth Charter was approved on Council Member Alvarez' motion, Council Member Wynn's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to increase funding by \$95,000 for the Health and Human Services Department for the Youth Assessment Center was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's motion, Council Member Griffith's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to provide \$25,000 for the Health and Human Services Department for the Kid's Exchange was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's motion, Council Member Alvarez' second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to increase the transfer by \$100,000 to Support Services (Financial and Administrative Services Department – Telecommunication and Regulatory Affairs - TARA) for telecommunity was approved on Council Member Wynn's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to increase transfers to Support Services (Financial and Administrative Service Department – TARA) in the amount of \$100,000 for the expansion of the Capital Area Training Foundation was approved on Council Member Wynn's motion, Council Member Slusher's second on a 7-0 vote.**

- **The motion to increase expenditures by \$500,000 in the Planning Environmental and Conservation Services Department (PECSA) and to provide six FTEs for a Transportation Team, a mediation contract, staff additions and expenses for the Planning Commission rewrite of the Land Development Code and a Development Impact Officer was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's motion, Council Member Griffith's second on a 7-0 vote. THIS ITEM WAS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2000.**
 - **The motion to increase the transfer to the CIP for PECSA by \$150,000 for additional neighborhood enhancements was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's motion, Council Member Slusher's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to increase the transfer to the CIP for Parks and Recreation Department for Phase II improvements at Springdale Park in the amount of \$250,000 was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Council Member Griffith's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to increase the transfer to the CIP for Parks and Recreation Department for master planning for parks in the neighborhoods east of 183 and adjoining Loyola Lane in the amount of \$100,000 was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Mayor Watson's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to provide \$100,000 in increased funding to the Parks and Recreation Department and two additional FTEs for Eastside Story was approved on Council Member Thomas' motion, Council Member Griffith's second on a 7-0 vote. THIS ITEM WAS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2000.**
 - **The motion to provide \$50,000 for the Parks and Recreation Department for the Jump On It program was approved on Council Member Thomas' motion, Council Member Griffith's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to provide additional funding in the amount of \$350,000 and ten (10) FTEs for increased operations and maintenance of the parks system, which includes \$118,000 for additional landscape maintenance, \$60,000 for additional ballfield and trail maintenance, an additional \$26,000 for restroom maintenance at Barton Springs and \$146,000 for increased maintenance in the annexed areas was approved on Council Member Wynn's motion, Mayor Watson's second on a 6-0-1 vote. Council Member Griffith abstained.**
 - **The motion to provide \$75,000 for the Parks and Recreation Department for Midnight Basketball was approved on Council Member Thomas' motion, Council Member Slusher's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to provide \$100,000 in increased funding for the Libraries for the Future Masterplan was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Mayor Watson's second on a 7-0 vote. THIS ITEM WAS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2000.**
 - **The motion to increase funding by \$100,000 for Libraries for the Future Match program was approved on Council Member Wynn's motion, Mayor Watson's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to increase funding in the amount of \$50,000 and one FTE for the Mexican American Outreach – Austin History Center – was approved on Council Member Alvarez' motion, Council Member Griffith's second on a 7-0 vote.**
 - **The motion to increase the transfer to Support Services (SMBR) by \$70,000 to fund an additional FTE and related expenditures in the Resource Center was approved on Council Member Alvarez' motion, Mayor Watson's second on a 7-0 vote.**
- **Other fund amendments were impacted by friendly amendments that were accepted by Council Member Slusher and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman:**
 - **Amend other fund expenditures, authorized positions and transfers to reflect amendments approved to the General Fund.**
 - **Increase expenditures in each of the funds and/or departments per Attachment B to eliminate the proposed Sick Leave Buy Back program and increase Pay for**

- Performance from 4% for "successful" and 6.5% for "exceptional" to 5% and 7%, respectively.
- Amend the Employee Benefits Fund by increasing revenue \$2,397,494, increasing requirements by \$2,283,774 and increasing the claims reserve by \$113,720 to reflect revenue and costs associated with additional participants. No net effect to ending balance.
 - Amend the Golf Enterprise Fund on appropriating \$83,363 from the ending balance and creating a transfer to the Aviation Department in the same amount for the first of five payments for Morris Williams Golf Course land. Also, amend the Aviation Fund by creating a transfer in from the Golf Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$83,363 and increasing expenditures by the same amount.
 - Amend the Water and Wastewater Utility Fund on appropriating \$400,000 from the ending balance and increasing the transfer to Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund by the same amount to provide funding for the repair/renovations to City-owned pools. Also, amend the Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund by increasing the transfer in from the Water and Wastewater Fund by \$400,000 and increase the appropriation for water conservation measures for City-owned pools. No net effect to the ending balance. The total amount to be utilized for pool repairs is \$800,000 for Metz, Ramsey, Shipe and Stacy pools.
 - Increase the 2000-01 beginning balance of the Water and Wastewater Utility Fund to reflect an increase in the 1999-2000 ending balance in the amount of \$7,017,756 and reappropriate \$350,000 from 1999-2000 savings to pay for the bio-solids hauling contract.
 - Increase the 2000-01 beginning balance of the Tourism and Promotion Fund to reflect an increase in the 1999-2000 ending balance in the amount of \$167,397. THIS ITEM WAS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2000.
 - Decrease the 2000-01 beginning balance of the Solid Waste Services Fund to reflect a decrease in the 1999-2000 ending balance in the amount of \$146,753.
 - Increase the 2000-01 beginning and ending balances of the Cultural Arts Fund to reflect an increase in the 1999-2000 ending balance in the amount of \$120,917.
 - Increase the appropriations for contracts with cultural agencies by \$262,500, of which \$12,500 is for additional funding for the Austin International Music Extravaganza, \$25,000 is for a feasibility study for providing assistance to Austin musicians, and \$225,000 is for the Music Loan Program, for total cultural contracts of \$3,772,332, and reduce the ending fund balance of the Cultural Arts Fund to \$226,019.
 - Increase the 2000-01 beginning balance of the Convention Center Combined Fund to reflect an increase in the 1999-2000 ending balance in the amount of \$686,686 and increase the appropriation by \$250,000 for the City-owned steam train repairs to increase the ending balance by \$436,686. THIS ITEM WAS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2000.
 - Reduce the transfer of funds from the General Fund to FQHC Fund by \$200,000 and increase the transfer of funds from the Hospital Fund to the FQHC by \$100,000 to fund an additional \$200,000 for Eastside Story in the Parks and Recreation Department of the General Fund. THIS ITEM WAS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2000.
- Special Revenue Funds were impacted by friendly amendments that were accepted by Council Member Slusher and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman:
 - Amend the Special Revenue Fund for the Health and Human Services Department by adding \$1,000 to the Maternal and Child Health Grant for a total budget of \$137,000.
 - Amend the Special Revenue Fund for the Health and Human Services Department by adding \$62,000 to the Refugee Health Screening Grant for a total budget of \$150,000.
 - Amend the Special Revenue Fund for the Health and Human Services Department by adding \$6,000 to the Title X Family Planning Grant for a total budget of \$95,000.

- Amend the Special Revenue Fund for the Health and Human Services Department by adding \$34,000 to the Women, Infant and Children Lactation Center Grant, for a total budget of \$182,000.
 - Amend the Special Revenue Fund for the Health and Human Services Department by adding \$50,000 to the Community Change for Youth Development Grant for a total budget of \$50,000
 - Amend the Special Revenue Fund for the Health and Human Services Department by adding \$3,000 and 2.00 FTEs to the Hepatitis C Grant for a total budget of \$278,000 and 2.00 FTEs.
 - Amend the Special Revenue Fund for the Health and Human Services Department by adding \$85,000 and 1.75 FTEs to a new Traffic Safety Project Grant for a total budget of \$85,000 and 1.75 FTEs.
 - Amend the Special Revenue Fund for the Office of Emergency Management by creating the Project Impact Program Grant and appropriating \$150,000. THIS ITEM WAS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2000.
 - Amend the Special Revenue Fund for the Emergency Medical Services Department by creating the EMS Local Projects Grant and appropriating \$5,000.
 - Amend the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Fund by increasing the operating expenditures by \$591,247 to fund a contract with AHFC for administering the Housing Rehabilitation Challenge Loan Program, creating five (5) additional positions and decreasing the ending balance accordingly.
2. Approve an ordinance adopting the Capital Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001, and making appropriations for each project and account, including the errata.

The first reading of the ordinance was approved with the following friendly amendments on Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's motion, Council Member Slusher's second on a 7-0 vote.

The friendly amendments were:

- Increase the appropriation in General Government for the 1111 Rio Grande project account by \$80,000, funded by additional insurance proceeds. The purpose of the funding is to provide additional building renovations.
- Create a new account in Public Works and Transportation known as "Davis Lane" and appropriate \$142,420, funded by developer participation. The purpose of the funding is to construct a missing segment of Davis Lane.
- Appropriate an additional \$686,000 to Public Works and Transportation for the Bicycle Projects parent account, for a total new appropriation for this account of \$1,336,000. The funding source is 1998 G.O. Bonds, Proposition 1, to be accompanied by a Reimbursement Resolution. The purpose of the funding is to provide matching funds for the cross-town bikeway.
- Appropriate \$25,310 to Public Works and Transportation for the Build Austin Program parent account. The funding source is CMTA. The purpose of the funding is to construct two bus pads and a bus shelter pad near Johnny Morris and Loyola Lane.
- Appropriate an additional \$400,000 for Golf to the Major Course Improvements account. The funding source is 2002 Certificates of Obligation to be accompanied by a Reimbursement Resolution. The purpose of the funding is to construct new cart paths and irrigation system improvements at Lions Golf Course.
- Create a new account in Convention Center known as "Convention Center Parking Garage" and appropriate \$800,000. The funding source is 2002 Certificates of Obligation to be accompanied by a Reimbursement Resolution. The purpose of the funding is to design a parking garage near the Convention Center expansion project.
- Eliminate the Zaragoza Warehouse new appropriation of \$75,000 from Library's CIP funds. This project will be funded instead through the Water and Wastewater Utility.

- **Appropriate an additional \$150,000 to the Neighborhood Enhancements Account for PECSD. The funding source is a FY2001 General Fund Transfer. The purpose of the funding is to provide additional improvements for the implementation of neighborhood plans.**
 - **Create a new account for Parks and Recreation known as "Springdale Park" and appropriate \$250,000 for park improvements. The funding source is a FY2001 General Fund Transfer.**
 - **Create a new account known as "Colony Park Master Plan" for \$100,000 in the Parks and Recreation Department. The funding source is a FY2001 General Fund Transfer.**
 - **Create a new project in Public Works and Transportation known as "Traffic Calming Match" fund and appropriate \$500,000. The funding is from decreasing the Traffic Calming Fund by the same amount.**
3. Approve an ordinance fixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem taxes for the City of Austin, Texas for the fiscal year 2000-2001, and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided; directing the assessment and collection of those taxes; approving property tax exemptions for agriculture, historic property, persons with disabilities, and elderly persons; and validating all prior Ad Valorem taxes. **The first reading of the ordinance setting the rate of \$0.4663 per \$100 valuation was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's motion, Council Member Slusher's second on a 7-0 vote.**
4. Approve an ordinance authorizing fees, fines, and other charges for City of Austin services and use of City of Austin facilities. **The first reading of the ordinance with the following friendly amendments was approved on Council Member Slusher's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second on a 7-0 vote.**
- The friendly amendments were as follows:**
- **Approve additions to the fee ordinance as contained in Attachment C. These fees were inadvertently omitted from the proposed document.**
 - **Approve the following addition to the fee ordinance for EMS: videotape duplication fee \$5.00; national standards courses for non-system providers (initial course \$100, re-certified \$50), TDH skills testing for non-system providers (BLS skills \$50, ALS skills \$50) and EMS Starflight IV of \$25.00. These fees were inadvertently omitted from the proposed document.**
 - **Approve the elimination of the Residential Inspection Review fee of \$75.00 per review. This elimination has a General Fund revenue impact of \$240,000.**
5. Approve an ordinance providing for the classification of and number of positions of the classified Civil Service of the Police Department and repeal Ordinance No. 000217-25. **Ordinance No. 000911-05 was approved Council Member Thomas' motion, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's second on a 7-0 vote.**
6. Approve an ordinance providing for the classification of and number of positions of the classified Civil Service of the Fire Department and repeal Ordinance No. 000907-38. **Ordinance No. 000911-06 was approved as amended on Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's motion, Council Member Alvarez' second on a 7-0 vote. The amendment was to increase the number of Lieutenant's positions by 1 to 168 and decrease Fire Specialists by 1 to 183. No net effect to total Civil Service positions is realized.**
7. Approve Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Cultural Arts Services contracts in the amount of \$3,509,832 (Funding available in the Cultural Arts Fund.) **The motion by Council Member Alvarez, seconded by Council Member Thomas was later withdrawn. Action was postponed until September 12, 2000.**

8. Approve the Marketing Plan, the proposed budget in the amount of \$6,114,068 and set the contract payment from the City of Austin at \$5,187,380 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001 for the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB). (Funding in an amount of \$5,187,380 is available in the 2000-2001 Proposed Operating Budget for the Tourism and Promotion Fund. The 2000-2001 Tourism and Promotion Fund is attached.)
The motion by Council Member Alvarez, seconded by Council Member Slusher was later withdrawn. Action was postponed until September 12, 2000.
9. Authorize the acceptance of federal housing and community development grants for FY2000-2001 in an amount equal to \$12,314,000; approve the negotiation and execution of a one-year extension of the current contract with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation for FY 2000-01 in an amount not to exceed \$9,359,834; authorize the City Manager to adopt program guidelines for Council-approved programs; and authorize the Austin Housing Finance Corporation to manage and operate certain City Housing Programs in FY 2000-01.
Resolution No. 000911-09 was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Goodman's motion, Council Member Alvarez' second on a 7-0 vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING OF AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

The Mayor will recess the City Council meeting. A Board meeting of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) will be conducted. Following adjournment of the AHFC Board meeting, the City Council meeting will re-convene, if necessary. Item 10 is the AHFC item to be considered by the Austin Housing Finance Corporation's Board of Directors.

10. Approve a resolution authorizing the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and the Housing Assistance Fund (HAF) FY 2000-01 Operating Budgets, including the FY 2000-01 HAF transfer to the AHFC Fund in an amount equal to \$1,477,270 and the expenditure of sales proceeds in an amount equal to \$1,300,000, for a total AHFC budget of \$16,415,938; approve the program descriptions of the proposed housing programs to be funded by the AHFC in FY 2000-01; authorize the General Manager to adopt program guidelines for Board-approved programs; and approve acceptance of grants from the City of Austin and the negotiation and execution of a one-year extension to the current contract between the AHFC and the City for funding of FY 2000-01 operations, including managing and operating certain City Housing Programs, in an amount not to exceed \$8,768,587.
No action will be taken on this item until the Council has adopted the City's budget.

ADJOURNED at 12:25 p.m. on Council Member Thomas' motion, Council Member Slusher's second on a 7-0 vote.

The minutes for the regular meeting of September 7, 2000 and Special Called Meetings of September 7, 2000, September 11, 2000 and September 12, 2000 were approved on Council Member Alvarez' motion, Mayor Watson's second by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and Council Member Wynn was off the dais.