

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - JANUARY 21, 1985 - CANVASSING

Mayor Mullen called to order the meeting of the Council scheduled for 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the January 19, 1985 Special Municipal Election and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Confirmation Election.

Motion

The Council, on Councilmember Spaeth's motion, Councilmember Rose's second, adopted a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the January 19, 1985 Special Municipal Election and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Confirmation Election. (5-0 Vote, Councilmembers Duncan and Shipman absent.)

(SEE RESOLUTION ATTACHED)

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 6:00 p.m. after discussing the election procedures.

A RESOLUTION by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, canvassing returns and declaring the result of a election held in said city on the 19th day of January, 1985.

WHEREAS, this governing body ordained that an election be held within this city on the 19th day of January, 1985, for the purpose of submitting certain propositions to the resident electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined that said election was held in accordance with the authorizing proceedings, that notice of the election was duly given in the form, manner and the time required by law, and that said election was in all respects legally held and conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas applicable thereto; and,

WHEREAS, the returns of the said election have been made to this governing body and said returns, duly and legally made, show the following votes were cast on the propositions submitted at said election, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1

"SHALL THE CITY RELOCATE ITS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO A NEW AIRPORT SITE?"

FOR	39,391 votes
AGAINST	40,139 votes
TOTAL	79,530 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 2

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,285,000 TAX SUPPORTED GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLICLY OWNED ART MUSEUM ON DONATED LAND DOWNTOWN AND THE RENOVATION OF PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES"

FOR	41,638 votes
AGAINST	24,726 votes
TOTAL	66,364 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 3

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$47,000,000 IN TAX SUPPORTED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FIRST-THIRD THOROUGHFARE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH A THOROUGHFARE DOES NOT CROSS DEDICATED PARK LAND."

FOR	25,256 votes
AGAINST	53,077 votes
TOTAL	78,333 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 4

"SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, BE AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE UP TO 13 ACRES OF DICK NICHOLS PARK FOR UP TO 18 ACRES OF ADJACENT LAND TO ENABLE THE CITY TO AVOID PAYMENT OF CONDEMNATION COSTS RESULTING FROM THE SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF MO-PAC BOULEVARD (LOOP 1) ?"

FOR	44,377 votes
AGAINST	22,388 votes
TOTAL	66,765 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 5

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COUNCILMEMBERS FROM SEVEN (ALL ARE NOW ELECTED BY PLACE FROM THE CITY AT LARGE) TO NINE (EIGHT OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS WILL EACH BE ELECTED FROM A DISTRICT, IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE RESIDES, BY THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT AND THE MAYOR WILL BE ELECTED FROM THE CITY AT LARGE) AND TO AMEND RELATED PROVISIONS TO (1) INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COUNCILMEMBERS REQUIRED TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM AND TO TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION FROM FOUR TO FIVE, (2) INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL VOTES REQUIRED TO PASS ORDINANCES ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS FROM FIVE TO SIX, (3) INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL VOTES REQUIRED TO AMEND OR REPEAL AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE FROM SIX TO SEVEN, AND, (4) TO PROVIDE THAT, AS TO A COUNCILMEMBER ELECTED FROM A DISTRICT, THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT MAY EXERCISE THE POWER OF RECALL BY FILING A PETITION SIGNED BY TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT, DEMANDING THE REMOVAL OF THE COUNCILMEMBER?"

FOR	34,382 votes
AGAINST	44,892 votes
TOTAL	79,274 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 6

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THREE YEAR STAGGERED TERMS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS?"

FOR	39,118 votes
AGAINST	38,211 votes
TOTAL	77,329 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 7

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BE AMENDED TO REPLACE WORDS OF THE MASCULINE GENDER WITH WORDS OF BOTH THE MASCULINE AND FEMINE GENDER?"

FOR	46,595 votes
AGAINST	31,534 votes
TOTAL	78,129 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 8

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS PURSUANT TO A FAVORABLE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS VOTING AT THE ELECTION OR PURSUANT TO A SERVICE AREA APPROVED BY A FAVORABLE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS VOTING AT AN ELECTION?"

FOR	22,869 votes
AGAINST	50,902 votes
TOTAL	73,771 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 9

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PERMIT THE USE OF REVENUE BONDS FOR THE FUNDING OF ENERGY OR RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS?"

FOR	39,783 votes
AGAINST	36,949 votes
TOTAL	76,732 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 10

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PERMIT EITHER A COMPETITIVE SALE OR NEGOTIATED SALE OF OBLIGATIONS?"

FOR	30,340 votes
AGAINST	42,672 votes
TOTAL	73,012 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 11

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MANAGER WITHOUT FURTHER APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL FROM \$5,000 TO \$25,000, AND THEREAFTER, ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX?"

FOR	39,350 votes
AGAINST	36,667 votes
TOTAL	76,017 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 12

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO DELETE THE PROVISION REQUIRING A DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION?"

FOR	50,799 votes
AGAINST	23,037 votes
TOTAL	73,836 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 13

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO EXEMPT ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS, AS DESIGNATED BY THE CITY MANAGER, FROM THE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL SERVICE?"

FOR	36,326 votes
AGAINST	35,876 votes
TOTAL	72,202 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 14

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PERMIT THE CITY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY GREATER THAN THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE MEMBERS?"

FOR	40,379 votes
AGAINST	35,675 votes
TOTAL	76,054 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 15

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO DECLARE A PURPOSE AND INTENT, REDEFINE THE DUTIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AND DESIGNATING THE LEGAL EFFECT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE PRIOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?"

FOR	49,074 votes
AGAINST	24,862 votes
TOTAL	73,936 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 16

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH DEPARTMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PLANNING, GROWTH MANAGEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY?"

FOR	53,318 votes
AGAINST	23,375 votes
TOTAL	76,693 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 17

"SHALL THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROHIBIT CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM CONTRIBUTING OR USING CITY RESOURCES, EQUIPMENT OR MONEY FOR ELECTION PURPOSES AND CAMPAIGNING WHILE IN A CITY UNIFORM OR ON CITY TIME?"

FOR	60,437 votes
AGAINST	17,429 votes
TOTAL	77,866 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 18

"SHALL THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BE AMENDED TO DEDICATE THE APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY-SIX (86) ACRES OF CITY-OWNED LAND BOUNDED BY RIVERSIDE DRIVE ON THE NORTH, SOUTH FIRST STREET ON THE EAST, BARTON SPRINGS ROAD ON THE SOUTH AND LEE BARTON DRIVE ON THE WEST FOR PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES, WITH A PROHIBITION AGAINST FUTURE SQUARE FOOTAGE, AT GROUND LEVEL, OF THOSE CITY FACILITIES ALREADY LOCATED ON SAID SITE AS OF JUNE 1, 1984?"

FOR	37,989 votes
AGAINST	40,620 votes
TOTAL	78,609 votes

PROPOSITION NUMBER 19

SHALL THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BE AMENDED TO CREATE A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND:

- a. TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE;AND,
- b. TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AUSTINITES?

THE FUND WOULD BE THE AMOUNT OF INCOME DERIVED FROM THE JOINT PUBLIC/PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NON-PARK LANDS ASSOCIATED WITH PALMER AUDITORIUM. ALL EXISTING PARK LANDS, INCLUDING ALL OF THE ADJACENT AREA KNOWN AS AUDITORIUM SHORES, SHALL REMAIN PARK LAND IN PERPETUITY."

FOR	25,619 votes
AGAINST	53,244 votes
TOTAL	78,863 votes

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That all of the recitals contained in the preamble of this resolution are found to be true and are adopted as findings of fact by this governing body and as part of its judgment.

SECTION 2: It is further found and determined that the results of the election as canvassed and tabulated in the preamble hereof reflect the expressed desires of those persons voting at said election.

SECTION 3: That a majority of the resident qualified electors voting at said election having voted in favor of proposition number 2, the City Council of said City is authorized and empowered to issue bonds on behalf of said City in the amount and for the purposes prescribed in proposition number 2 in the proceedings calling the election.

That a majority of the resident qualified electors voting at said election having voted in favor of proposition number 4, the City Council of said City is authorized and empowered to exchange park land on behalf of said City in accordance with the provisions on proposition number 4 in the proceedings calling the election.

SECTION 4: That a majority of the resident qualified electors voting at said election having voted in favor of propositions number 6,7,9,11, 12,13,14,15,16 and 17, the City Council of said City does hereby declare said propositions as worded in the Ordinance calling said election "adopted" and the Charter of the City of Austin, Texas, is hereby amended in accordance with propositions number 6,7,9,11,12,13,14,15,16 and 17 in the proceedings calling the election.



PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 21st day of January, 1985.

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RON MULLEN  
Mayor  
City of Austin, Texas

ATTEST:

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James E. Aldridge, City Clerk  
City of Austin, Texas

APPROVED:

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Paul C. Isham, City Attorney  
City of Austin, Texas

(City Seal)