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**JOURNAL of the PROCEEDINGS
of the
CITY COUNCIL
of the
CITY of CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Special Meeting--Thursday, June 16, 1994

at 9:30 A. M.

(Council Chamber--City Hall--Chicago, Illinois)

OFFICIAL RECORD.

RICHARD M. DALEY
Mayor

ERNEST R. WISH
City Clerk

Attendance At Meeting.

Present -- The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, and Aldermen Mazola, Haithcock, Tillman, Preckwinkle, Bloom, Steele, Beavers, Dixon, Shaw, Buchanan, Huels, Fary, Madrzyk, Burke, Jones, Coleman, Streeter, Murphy, Rugai, Troutman, Evans, Munoz, Laski, Miller, Medrano, Ocasio, Watson, E. Smith, Burrell, Bialczak, Suarez, Gabinski, Mell, Wojcik, Giles, Allen, Laurino, O'Connor, Doherty, Natarus, Bernardini, Hansen, Shiller, M. Smith, Moore, Stone.

Absent -- Aldermen Banks, Levar, Schuler.

Call To Order.

On Thursday, June 16, 1994 at 9:30 A.M., The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, called the City Council to order. The clerk called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Aldermen Mazola, Haithcock, Tillman, Preckwinkle, Bloom, Steele, Beavers, Dixon, Shaw, Buchanan, Huels, Fary, Madrzyk, Burke, Jones, Coleman, Streeter, Murphy, Rugai, Troutman, Evans, Munoz, Laski, Miller, Medrano, Ocasio, Watson, E. Smith, Burrell, Bialczak, Suarez, Gabinski, Mell, Wojcik, Giles, Allen, Laurino, O'Connor, Doherty, Natarus, Bernardini, Hansen, Shiller, M. Smith, Moore, Stone -- 46.

Quorum present.

Placed On File -- CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING.

The clerk informed the City Council that the following call for a special meeting was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on Monday, June 13, 1994, at 1:02 P.M.:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

June 13, 1994.

*Honorable Ernest R. Wish
City Clerk
City Hall, Room 107
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602*

DEAR MR. WISH -- I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago, to be convened at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, June 16, 1994, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, for the sole purpose of honoring the life and memory of our friend and colleague, Alderman Lemuel Austin, Jr..

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RICHARD M. DALEY,
Mayor.

Invocation.

Assistant Fire Commissioner, Reverend Jerry L. Jones, Sr., Bishop of the Apostolic Assembly of the Lord Jesus Christ, opened the meeting with prayer.

OPENING MUSICAL SELECTIONS.

Soloist Barbara Newby, accompanied on the piano by Reverend Lamont Rutledge, performed the musical selection "There Is No Way". The Rutledge Sisters, accompanied on the piano by Reverend Lamont Rutledge, followed with a performance of "His Eye Is On The Sparrow".

Rules Suspended -- RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
THE HONORABLE LEMUEL AUSTIN, JR.,
ALDERMAN OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH
WARD.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, submitted the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

June 16, 1994.

To the Honorable, The City Council of the City of Chicago:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the life and memory of our friend and colleague, Alderman Lemuel Austin, Jr..

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RICHARD M. DALEY,
Mayor.

The following is said proposed resolution:

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom called Lemuel Austin, Jr. to his eternal reward on June 11, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Lemuel Austin, Jr. was Alderman of the 34th Ward of the City of Chicago from April 1987 until his death; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Austin dedicated his adult life to public service, serving on the staff of Alderman Wilson Frost from 1975 to 1977, on the staff of the City Council Finance Committee from 1977 to 1981, and as superintendent of the 34th Ward from 1981 until his election in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Austin was elected to the City Council in 1987 and 1991, and was recognized as a leader by his colleagues, who entrusted him with the chairmanship of the City Council Committee on the Budget and Government Operations in 1988 and again in 1989 and 1991; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as chairman of the committee, Alderman Austin presided over annual hearings on the city's budget and community development block grant funding, and also chaired hearings on the revitalization of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, the imposition of sanctions on organizations doing business in or with South Africa prior to the dismantlement of apartheid, the hiring preferences for city residents in city public works projects, and the reorganization of city departments; and

WHEREAS, Most significant among Alderman Austin's legislative accomplishments were his sponsorship of an ordinance to establish a program for assistance to minority-owned and women-owned businesses, and his presiding over lengthy hearings on the proposal, including testimony of numerous witnesses. The resulting ordinance has created opportunities for many aspiring entrepreneurs in our city; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Austin was also a man of faith, active as a member and leader in the Messiah Temple Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Austin's leadership and faith were also expressed in his support of numerous organizations in his community and throughout Chicago, including the Jackie Robinson Little League, Roseland Community Hospital, the Chicago Board of Education Lawmakers for Students program, the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, Neighborhood Housing Services and many others; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Austin's efforts were gratefully acknowledged by many educational, labor, civil rights, community, religious and social organizations; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Austin will be remembered by all who knew and served with him as a man of unwavering loyalty, forthright manner, great strength of character and generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Austin is survived by his wife, Carrie; their six children; two grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixteenth day of June, 1994, do hereby honor the life and memory of our dear colleague, Alderman Lemuel Austin, and we mourn his passing from our midst; and

Be It Further Resolved, That we share the sorrow of the Austin family, and extend our heartfelt condolences on their loss; and

Be It Further Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Alderman Austin's family as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.

Alderman Burke moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* to permit immediate consideration of and action upon the foregoing proposed resolution. The motion *Prevailed*.

On motion of Alderman Burke, seconded by Aldermen Mazola, Haithcock, Tillman, Preckwinkle, Beavers, Dixon, Shaw, Buchanan, Huels, Jones, Coleman, Streeter, Murphy, Rugai, Troutman, Evans, Munoz, Miller, Medrano, Ocasio, Watson, E. Smith, Bialczak, Suarez, Mell, Wojcik, Giles, Allen, Laurino, O'Connor, Natarus, M. Smith, Moore and Stone, the foregoing proposed resolution was *Adopted* by a rising vote.

MUSICAL SELECTION.

Soloist Rosalee Coachman, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Avon Walker, performed the musical selection "Amazing Grace".

REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. DALEY.

At this point in the proceedings, The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, rose to offer condolences, on behalf of his own family and the people of Chicago, to the family of the late Alderman Lemuel Austin, Jr..

Remembering Alderman Austin as a man who had clearly conceived and resolutely traveled his life's path, Mayor Daley spoke of the Alderman's abiding commitment to his family and to his religion. While his life was predicated upon his family and religious values, the Mayor continued, Alderman Austin did not trumpet those values in speeches nor did he impose them on others, rather he conducted himself in a manner which made his value structure self-evident.

Having selected public service as his life's work, Alderman Austin served as a staff person as well as an elected official, the Mayor noted, and true to his values, encompassed constituents, staff, precinct captains and colleagues within what became for him an extended family.

Mayor Daley observed that Alderman Austin was a public official who loved his job and who, as a consequence of the mutual respect he was able to engender, was able to serve as a bridge over the gulfs which often separate people. It was this ability, the Mayor continued, coupled with his pure dedication to public service, which allowed Alderman Austin to achieve his desire for accomplishment on behalf of the public for during his tenure, he did, in fact, impact every major piece of legislation considered by the City Council.

Stating that he deeply appreciated his friendship and loyalty, Mayor Daley remembered Alderman Austin as a true friend and declared that while we will miss the man, we must celebrate his life.

CLOSING MUSICAL SELECTION.

Soloist Barbara Newby, accompanied on the piano by Reverend Lamont Rutledge, performed the musical selection "Precious Lord Take My Hand".

BENEDICTION.

Assistant Fire Commissioner, Reverend Jerry L. Jones, Sr., Bishop of the Apostolic Assembly of the Lord Jesus Christ, delivered the benediction.

Adjournment.

Thereupon, Alderman Burke moved that the City Council do *Adjourn*. The motion *Prevailed* and the City Council *Stood Adjourned*.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ernest R. Wish".

ERNEST R. WISH,
City Clerk.

