

## Austin mayor drops sanctuary proposal

Frank Cooksey, saying the proposal had divided his city in an emotional<br>Austin. draw thousands of aliens to battle, Thursday dropped his propobatte, Thursday dropped his propo-

sal to make Austin a sanctuary for
"We had opposition, some of it political refugees.
based on bigotry and fear, anger and Scores of people had signed up
for round two of a public hearing on the proposal. The council had heard俍 He American, flag," Cooksey said.
He branded some opponents as Cooksey opened the hearing with "He buperpatriots who label everyonene as his emotional speech, and then adjourned the meeting. He had harsh Cooksey a added, "We had the po-
words for both sides in the fight, but" litical pygmies who saved the strongest words for oppo- taken this issue purely for their own nents of his plan.
"certainly prefer the hypocrisies political gain and bring for th
selves publicity and notoriety." of the supporters to the base motiva- $\begin{gathered}\text { He also said local immigration at- } \\ \text { tions of the detractors," he said. } \\ \text { torneys who backed the plan might }\end{gathered}$
Some 18 cities have adopted simi Some 18 cities have adopted simi- have been interested in guarantee-
lar resolutions. The Cooksey plan ing a "flow of business." drew opposition from immigration The mayor would not say if he
officials, Gov. Mark White and local had the votes for the resolution. He residents who said the proposal previously had said he did.

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