

# Nashville says yes to Oilers

□ The city's Metro Council voted 28-9 to approve the agreement.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The city's Metro Council voted 28-9 Tuesday night to approve a legal agreement between the mayor and the Houston Oilers' owner to move the NFL team here.

The vote extends to March the exclusive negotiating agreement between the city and the Oilers, which would have expired Saturday.

The 56-page "stadium and relocation agreement" was signed last week by Oilers owner Bud Adams and Mayor Phil Bredesen. The council's approval was required as one of several milestones the city must meet before the deal is final.

"We're very pleased with the greater than 3-to-1 vote," said Byron Trauger, who heads the city's negotiating team. "The real vote is now with fans, and if fans want this National Football League opportunity in Tennessee, it's going to happen."

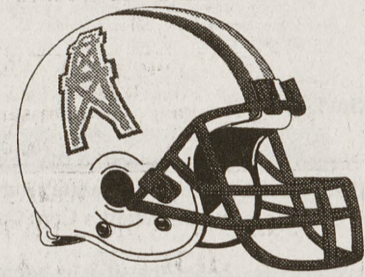
He was talking about football fans getting the opportunity to put their wallets where their mouths are.

Over the next few days, the city will finalize its plan to sell \$71 million worth of permanent seat licenses, which allow buyers the lifetime opportunity to purchase season tickets at the 65,000-seat stadium planned for the Oilers.

Opponents to the Oilers' move say they don't want schools, sidewalks, the police force and other

important projects to languish so taxpayers can line the pockets of Adams, who already is a millionaire.

In addition to a brand-new stadium, Adams gets all the revenues from ticket sales, concessions and team paraphernalia, as well as money from the sale of luxury suites and premium club seats.



"The main focus for being for this that makes any sense to me is the prestige factor — 'Let's make Nashville a first-class city.' But I live in a first-class city. I do not know any National Football League cities that I would want to live in," said Councilman Stewart Clifton.

"The more basic needs of the city have to do with a first-class school system, with a first-class law enforcement agency with the kind of equipment they need, with first-class neighborhoods," he added.

Council members will have another opportunity to keep the Oilers out of Nashville when they vote in February on the city's \$143.6 million portion of the \$292.1 million financial package.

# Former player sues Baylor TCU

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□ Tyrone Davis says the school made him wrongly sit out a year.

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Baylor University basketball player Tyrone Davis is suing the school for making him sit out a year while Southwest Conference officials scrutinized his academic record, the Houston Chronicle reported Tuesday.

In the suit filed in Kansas City on Monday, Davis charges that the actions of the school's coaches and administrators defrauded him and caused him emotional distress.

The suit mentions no specific damages.

Baylor and eight individuals are named in the suit, including former Baylor basketball coach Darrel Johnson, former university president Herbert Reynolds and

former football coach and athletic director Grant Teaff.

Also named is James Nether-ton, the university vice president who supervised the athletic department during Johnson's two years as coach.

The other defendants are Johnson's three assistants during the 1993-94 season — Gary Thomas, Kevin Gray and Troy Drummond — and Vinson Metcalf, a Hill College coach who acted as the proctor for three correspondence-course exams Davis took while trying to become eligible at Baylor.

The lawsuit claims Metcalf and other unnamed defendants altered Davis' answers without his knowledge.

"Tyrone gave up a year of his life," said his attorney Scott Mach. "If there's an innocent victim in all this, it's Tyrone."

On Tuesday, Baylor issued a statement in which it said it hadn't been served with the lawsuit.

"If a lawsuit has been filed, we believe it is without merit and we intend to mount a vigorous defense," the statement said.

"Neither Mr. Davis nor his attorney has contacted Baylor since Mr. Davis left the university following the 1993-94 school year. As a result, we are surprised by the assertion that he has filed a lawsuit, and we have difficulty in understanding what may be his motivation and basis for doing so. It is unfortunate if Mr. Davis has chosen to resort to litigation to resolve whatever grievance he feels he may have with Baylor."

Davis transferred to Baylor from State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo., in 1993. He sat out the 1993-94 season at Baylor's direction while officials examined the correspondence-course credit he and three other Bears recruits had received from Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Fla.

"I think that any team prefers playing at home and in front of their home crowd," Sullivan said. "I've heard people talking about the Aggies' weak offense all season, but when I look at guys like McElroy and Pullig — they are getting the job done."

I guess people want them to score every time they get their hands on the ball. They are a good team. Their defense does a good job of stooping their opponents."

Sullivan has a lot of faith in his team and knows that with another showing like they played against Texas, an upset could be in the works.

"A&M is bigger and faster, in question about that," Sullivan said. "They've showed a tremendous effort this season, and I feel strongly about them. We'll need some big plays, but I think this team is capable of doing it."

A win against the Aggies is how the Horned Frogs are hoping to end their final showing in the SWC. Their loss against Texas dropped their record to 3-3 in the SWC and 6-4 overall, dropping them out of the league race and damaging their hopes for a bowl bid.

TCU holds the longest current losing streak in the SWC coming at the hands of the Aggies. The Frogs have lost 22 consecutive games against A&M. The last time that TCU won against the Aggies was in 1972 at Kyle Field.

The Frogs started the season winning five of their first six games. However, they have dropped three of their last four games.

# Former SID Carpenter dies at 63

□ The Texas Tech grad served at A&M from 1982 to 1991.

Ralph Carpenter, longtime athletic administrator and former assistant athletic director and sports information director at Texas A&M, passed away early Tuesday morning in Bryan after a lengthy battle with heart disease.

Carpenter, a graduate of Texas Tech, served more than 25 years in college athletics. He was the sports information director at Texas Tech from

1967-77 and handled promotions and media relations for the Coaches All-America football game.

He worked one year at Texas Christian University as assistant athletic director before coming to Texas A&M in May, 1982 as assistant athletic director and sports information director.

He retired in 1991 due to medical reasons.

Carpenter was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Fame in 1982. He received numerous publication awards and received the Press Box Merit Award from the Football

Writers Association of America for having one of the top press box operations in the nation at Texas Tech, Mississippi and Texas A&M.

He assisted the NCAA with its media operations at the Final Four Basketball Championships for many years.

Several of Carpenter's assistants moved on to become sports information directors and one of his pupils, Bob Condron, is the associate director of public information and media relations at the United States Olympic Committee.

Carpenter is survived by his wife, Lois, and their two sons, Clark and Chip.

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