

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,  
SITTING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, HELD AT 11:30 O'CLOCK,  
A.M., ON SATURDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 1946.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Mayor Mauermann presiding.

The Mayor and Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole, at the call of the Mayor, in the office of Commissioner Steffler, at 11:30 o'clock, A.M., on Saturday, January 19th, 1946, and considered and acted upon the following matters:

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Rittiman Road Improvement Project:

Mr. W. F. Pickard, County Engineer, and Mr. Frank Wolff, representing the interested parties, appeared in behalf of the project to pave and curb 1.3 miles of Rittiman Road, from Military Drive to the Austin Highway. Commissioner Steffler was advised that the original plan contemplated a 24-foot roadway, but the new proposition would increase the width of the road to 36 feet, with the property owners furnishing curbs. The City was asked to go into the project only to the extent of \$2500, with the County and property owners paying the balance. Total cost of the project was estimated at from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Title to the road would go to Bexar County.

By unanimous vote, the Mayor and Commissioners agreed to the new proposition, and agreed to vote for and adopt the necessary ordinance. This action was taken subject to the agreement, approved by all, that a separate appropriation would be set aside in next year's City budget to cover this expenditure by Commissioner Steffler's department.

Mayor Mauermann stated this agreement was to cover only this particular project, and was not to become a customary arrangement.

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Petition of Joske Bros. Co. to close St. Joseph Street:

The Mayor and Commissioners considered this petition and announced letters had been received from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the Menger Hotel agreeing to the closing of St. Joseph Street to allow Joske Bros. to extend their present building eastward across and over the present street.

Mr. Leroy G. Denman, attorney representing Joske Bros., appeared and stated Joske's proposed to build an extension of the same material, architecture and height as their present building, and that the extension would be built eastward a sufficient distance to answer their needs but not so far as to cause a traffic hazard on Bonham St.

Mayor Mauermann suggested that the street be closed, that the consideration for the portion to be used by Joske's be determined by the Tax Commissioner's appraisal, and that Joske's build the new portion of their building over and across St. Joseph St. of the same architecture, design and materials as the present building. Further, it was agreed that the new building is to be approved by Commissioner Anderson, who is to conduct a traffic survey of the area, with particular emphasis on Bonham St., and also see that the plans for the new building conform fully to the City Building Code and fire prevention regulations.

It was suggested that the consideration might be either in cash or in an exchange of square footage on Bonham St. The Tax Commissioner was asked to study this alternative.

It was unanimously agreed by the Mayor and Commissioners that the necessary ordinance was to be drawn in conformity with the above agreement, and all agreed to vote for it in open Council Meeting.

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There being no further business, the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole adjourned  
Saturday, January 19th, 1945.

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APPROVED:

Gust B. Maurer  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank J. Brady  
City Clerk

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