

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 THURSDAY, the TENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 1946.

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 Thursday, January 10th, 1946, and considered and acted upon the following matters:

Petition of Rev. Paul J. Ehlinger, et al, protesting the ~~sale~~<sup>selling</sup> of beer, wine or liquor at 702 West Commerce St.

In the discussion of this petition, it was brought out that the location is within 300 feet of the St. Anthony Day Nursery, which building contains a chapel, and the granting of an alcoholic beverages permit within 300 feet of a church is prohibited by City ordinance. It was also brought out that the location is adjacent to the Governors' Palace, historic landmark and tourist attraction.

Following the discussion, it was agreed by unanimous vote to recommend to the County Judge that he deny this permit, and it was ordered that the Council join in the protest and send Asst. City Attorney Theo Simmang to the hearing before the County Judge to protest on behalf of the City.

Letter to Judge M. L. Roark, City Back Tax Attorney, from Col. W. B. Tuttle, concerning the waiving of back taxes on a 15-acre tract, lying south of the Southern Pacific Railroad, in the western part of the City, and more particularly described as follows: SW part of 1 Tract, 4, NCB A-62, R5-D7, 5.3 acres, and NW part of 1 Tract, 3, NCB A-62, R-6, D-7, 9.7 acres.

Mayor Mauermann recommended that the taxes be waived, as the property was held by the trustees for the general benefit of the City and there was no individual profit in the matter, in order that a large industrial concern might build on this location.

The vote to have the City Attorney prepare the necessary ordinance was as follows: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Callaghan. Commissioner Callaghan said he did not think the taxes are remissible and thought the City should first seek an opinion on the legality of such action.

Petition of A. M. Cauble and Chas. J. Fehr, asking the closing of Comal Court:

After a discussion, the Committee, by unanimous vote, ordered it referred to the Tax Commissioner for an appraisal of the property occupied by Comal Court. The City Engineer recommended, that, if the petitioners agree to purchase the property at the appraisal value, the Court be closed and sold to the petitioners.

Petition of J. C. Brangan and other residents in Pasadena Addition asking that the Rigsby Bus line be extended from Clark Street to the Sulphur Springs Road:

After a discussion of this petition, it was agreed to refer it to Fire and Police Commissioner Anderson, who would place the matter before the San Antonio Transit Co.

A preliminary discussion was held on the general question of zoning, with particular attention to the Fredericksburg Road area and the stockyards area.

Commissioner Anderson said it might be well to re-zone the entire City, looking toward the development of the City and the attraction of more business enterprises and industries.

He said he thought San Antonio should welcome new industries proposing to locate here, in spite of the attitude of "our little sister cities".

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A preliminary discussion was held on proposals that have been made to construct underground parking facilities beneath Travis Park, Alamo Plaza and Main Plaza. Mayor Mauermann said a committee of businessmen had called on him recently to discuss these ideas. It was suggested by the Committee of the Whole that the City Engineer make a preliminary survey of underground structures in these three areas, as well as other matters related to the proposals.

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There being no further business, the meeting of the Committee of the Whole adjourned Thursday, January 10, 1945.

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APPROVED:

*Paul M. Mauermann*

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ATTEST:

*Frank J. Brady*  
City Clerk

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