

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1958 AT 8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: DIETERT, PASSUR, MCMAHON, JOHNSON, SIMPSON, OLIVARES, PINSON, SAN MARTIN  
ABSENT: KUYKENDALL

Mayor Pro-tem Mike Passur presiding.

Invocation by Rev. Kirby Edwards, Grace Methodist Church.

On motion of Dr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Pinson, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following ordinances and resolutions were passed and approved as follows:  
AYES, Dietert, Passur, McMahon, Johnson, Simpson, Olivares, Pinson, San Martin; NAYS, None;  
ABSENT, Kuykendall.

AN ORDINANCE 27,096

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF  
JOHN DOLLINGER, JR., INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY  
OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS -  
TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE WITH 1,000 CHANNEL IRON  
POSTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,100.00

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AN ORDINANCE 27,097

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF  
CALHOUN-BUCKNER COMPANY AND GOLDTHWAITE'S TEXAS  
TORO COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITH CERTAIN ITEM OF MOWING  
EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$9,468.30

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AN ORDINANCE 27,098

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF  
GOLDTHWAITE'S TEXAS TORO CO. TO FURNISH THE  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE WITH  
CERTAIN FERTILIZER FOR A TOTAL OF \$2010.00

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AN ORDINANCE 27,099\*\*

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL AND CREATING CONTRACT WITH  
FRED LUDERUS TIRE SERVICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
ALL REQUIREMENTS OF TIRES AND TUBES FOR CITY  
OF SAN ANTONIO AND AGENCIES FOR PERIOD BEGINNING  
DECEMBER 1, 1958 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1959

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A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALLEY PARTICIPATION PAVING  
PROJECT NO. 3-A, BIDS TO BE OPENED ON DECEMBER 9,  
1958

\*\* Mr. Miles Mulligan, Sales Manager for Harper General Tire Company, addressed the council and protested the award for purchase of tires from Fred Luderus Company.

## AN ORDINANCE 27,100

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS WITH FIRST OF TEXAS CORPORATION AND/OR H. B. ZACHRY COMPANY, OBLIGATING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO ENFORCE COLLECTION OF CERTAIN PAVING CERTIFICATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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## AN ORDINANCE 27,101

ACCEPTING THE HIGH BID OF FRANK H. SILCOCK IN THE SUM OF \$2,776.00 FOR LOTS 14 AND 15, NEW CITY BLOCK 7990, AND THE HIGH BID OF LOUIS SALINAS IN THE SUM OF \$3000.00 FOR LOTS 10 AND 11, NEW CITY BLOCK 7961, AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WHEREAS, the CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WILL DELIVER SPECIAL WARRANTY DEEDS TO SAID HIGH BIDDERS UPON PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS

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## AN ORDINANCE 27,102

ACCEPTING THE HIGH BID OF \$1,150.00 FROM HENRY LEE TAYLOR FOR THE LANDA TANK SITE ON BERYL DRIVE, PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CITY WATER BOARD; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

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## AN ORDINANCE 27,103

APPROPRIATING \$16,410.00 FOR ENGINEERING FEES AND \$2,735.00 AS A CONTINGENCY FUND IN CONNECTION WITH STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT NO. 58

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## AN ORDINANCE 27,104

CONSENTING TO THE CONDEMNATION OF LAND BY THE COUNTY OF BEXAR WITHIN THE CITY FOR PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING STREET RIGHT OF WAY

( Full text in Ordinance Book HH page 226

## AN ORDINANCE 27,105

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$24,750.00 OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BOND AND CONSTRUCTION FUND, FUND NO. 803-02 FEDERAL AIRPORT AID PROJECT NO. 9-41-080-5709, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM

( Full text in Ordinance Book HH page 231

## AN ORDINANCE 27,106

ACCEPTING THE SECOND LOW BID OF H. B. ZACHRY CO., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,394.00, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 6" SANITARY SEWER STUBS ON BROADWAY AND CROWNHILL, KNOWN AS PROJECT S-22-B; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREFOR; AND APPROPRIATING NECESSARY FUNDS TO PAY FOR SAME

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## AN ORDINANCE 27,107

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Zoning Case No. 1049 to rezone Lot 19, Block 16, NCB 3774 at Culebra and N. W. 22nd Street from "F" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT to "J" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT was called up for hearing. After briefing by the Planning Director and no one else appeared, the Council approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission by adoption of the following ordinance, the vote being as follows: AYES, Dietert, Passur, McMahon, Johnson, Simpson, Olivares, Pinson, San Martin; NAYS, None; ABSENT, Kuykendall.

AN ORDINANCE 27,108

AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ETC.," PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 3, 1938, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND RE-ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN: CASE NO. 1049, TO RE ZONE FROM "F" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "J" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, LOT 19, BLK. 16, NCB 3774

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Zoning Case No. 1032 to rezone Lot 11-D, Blk. 3, NCB 11714 on Harry Wurzbach Highway from "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT to "E" APARTMENT DISTRICT was next called up for hearing. The Planning Director briefed the Council on the matter. No one appeared to be heard. The Council then approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission by adoption of the following ordinance. AYES, Dietert, Passur, McMahon, Johnson, Simpson, Olivares, Pinson, San Martin; NAYS, None; ABSENT, Kuykendall.

AN ORDINANCE 27,109

AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ETC.," PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 3, 1938, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND RE-ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN: CASE NO. 1032, TO REZONE FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "E" APARTMENT DISTRICT, LOT 11-D, BLK. 3, NCB 11714

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Zoning Case No. 1051 to rezone a tract of land at Callaghan Road and Bandera Road in New City Block 11544 from "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT to "F" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT was called up for a hearing. The Planning Director announced that the petitioner, M. J. Chagnard, had requested a continuation of this case till Thursday, December 18.

After a protest by Judge Jack Pope, the Council granted the request and set the hearing for Thursday, December 18.

The following letter from the City Clerk was read:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council  
City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

The following petitions were received by this office and forwarded to the department concerned for any necessary action.

11-18-58 Petition of the Safety Committee of Fenwick PTA, and others, requesting the city to construct a sidewalk on the west side of Wilson Blvd from Culebra Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue, was referred to the Director of Public Works.

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

Mayor Pro-tem Passur then called for hearing the application of the Housing Authority for an additional 1500 units for public housing.

Mr. Elmer Crumrine, Chairman of the Housing Authority, spoke in favor of the units and emphasized this was an opportunity to do something for the people of San Antonio that need public housing.

Mr. John Daniels, Attorney for the Housing Authority, stated that the Housing Authority is dedicated to improving the living standards of low income people of San Antonio and that there should not be any opposition except for those that operate slums. The average <sup>per</sup> capita income in San Antonio is \$1392, and 55% of the people earn less than \$4,000 per year. He denounced the stand taken by the opposition that public housing is socialistic, that it would increase taxes, crime, etc. He stated that private enterprise has had an opportunity to do something about housing the lower income class but have not done anything about it.

Mrs. Marie Maguire, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, gave detailed facts and figures regarding operation of public housing. That health clinics have been established, 90 acres of playgrounds have been provided and over 300 acres of slums had been eliminated by public housing. That they wanted to provide decent housing until these families are able to purchase or rent other homes. She described on a screen, slides of various housing projects and how they have improved the neighborhoods. She gave the eligibility requirements for admittance to public housing; the rate of rents that are charged. She asked that the council consider favorably the application for the following reasons. (1) There are 3100 families on the waiting list for public housing; (2) The growing demand for elderly housing; (3) The population growth of the City; (4) Acceleration of government projects such as highways and urban renewal; (5) Money is available for public housing and is an opportunity to do something for these people. She emphasized that there is great need for elderly housing on the west side and south side and these would be given priority.

Mr. Albert Pena, County Commissioner Precinct 1, representing the Catholic Council of the Spanish Speaking and Lulac's, spoke in favor of public housing, as did Father Roy Rihn, representing Archbishop Lucey; Archie Johnson, Chairman of the East Side Citizens Committee; George de la Garza, representing Lulac Council #2; Rev. James Nathaniel

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Byrd, Pastor of Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church; Dr. Candelario Saenz, President of Mexican Chamber of Commerce; Rev. M. Saucedo, Pastor of Mexican Episcopal Church; Calvin Dodd, Executive Secretary of the Children's Service Bureau; Richard Casillas, representing the American G.I. Forum; Rev. C. W. Black, President of Baptist Ministers Union; Joe McClure, representing San Antonio Building Trades Council; W. C. White, Member of the Housing Authority and Contractor; Dick Meskill, representing Council of Catholic Laity; Sam Snell, businessman; and Mrs. Adela Navarro. Also speaking in favor of the application were Housing Commissioners John Gatti and Rev. Darrell Gray, Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Thomas S. Garrett, of the San Antonio Real Estate Board, called on Mr. John Peace, Attorney representing the opponents in this matter to present their views against the granting of additional housing units. Mr. Peace said there are many organizations in the City who are interested in this matter and wanted to help the council solve this matter. He discussed the difference between Public Housing and the F.H.A program. That in their opinion public housing is a socialized sort of program. That it is the present trend in this country. That England started in this manner and that today 90% of all housing is socialized. He stated that the matter is one of basic philosophy and form of government. That there was no possibility of paying the cost of the units, that it is actually a rent free project; the cost of \$11,300 per unit is exorbitant, and a luxury type unit comparable to Bill Mitchell, Bel-Meade and Sunset Hills Apartments, and that the Housing Authority must be subsidized every year in order to pay off the bonds. He stated that they were diametrically opposed to further public housing as it was against the free enterprise system. He submitted a resolution of the Bexar County Medical Society against public housing.

Mr. Peace asked the council to deny the application and take advantage of Sec. 1a of Article 1269L and submit the matter to the people of San Antonio at an election.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all council members present except Mayor Kuykendall.

Mr. Wesley Nail, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, presented a resolution against public housing. Resolutions against public housing were, also, submitted by the Retail Lumber Dealers Association; San Antonio Home Builders Association, represented by M. M. Hughes, President; Northwest Improvement Association, represented by Edgar Von Scheele, President; Exchange Club of Highland Park; San Antonio Real Estate Board, and Highland Hills Civic League, represented by W. W. VanDerHeck, President.

Also speaking in opposition were E. C. Parker, former member of Housing Authority, representing Lumber dealers; Roy Baines, home builder; Roland Bremer, President of San Antonio Stake of Church of Latter Day Saints; Pleas Naylor representing San Antonio Real Estate Board; Clarence Thorne, home builder; Adrian Anderson, retail lumber dealer; Mrs. Pearl Mason, Attorney; and Mr. Rosenthal, home builder.

Mrs. Marie Maguire and Mr. John Daniels made rebuttal statements and answered questions proposed by the opposition. After discussion by council members, the Clerk read the following resolution.

## A RESOLUTION

GIVING NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF 1,500 LOW RENT HOUSING UNITS BY THE SAID HOUSING AUTHORITY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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Dr. McMahon moved the adoption of the resolution; seconded by Dr. San Martin, the resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Dietert, Passur, McMahon, Johnson, Simpson, Olivares, Pinson, San Martin; NAYS, None; ABSENT, Kuykendall.

Mr. Peace then stated that he understood that the action taken would give the opposition sixty days in which to circulate a petition for a referendum on the matter and would like for the city attorney to verify the fact that it would only require 2000 signatures. The City Attorney agreed that 2,000 was the number required.

Mrs. Hattie Briscoe, of 916 E. Commerce Street, Attorney, presented a petition containing 700 signatures on behalf of residents in the Wheatley Heights and Homestakes Addition Area requesting improvement of streets in the area and submitted pictures showing the condition of the streets. The Mayor Pro-tem thanked Mrs. Briscoe for coming to the Council and instructed the administrative staff to make an investigation as to what could be done and when, and report to the Council, after which she would be notified.

The following resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Dietert, Passur, McMahon, Johnson, Simpson, Olivares, Pinson, San Martin; NAYS, None; ABSENT, Kuykendall.

## A RESOLUTION

APPOINTING W. T. BONDURANT TO THE CITY-COUNCIL TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL BOARD

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

*John Heyland*  
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ATTEST:

*Frank Gallogher*  
City Clerk