

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under date of February 23, 1951, the Board of Commissioners of the City of San Antonio passed an ordinance calling an election to be held on May 8, 1951, concurrently with the regular municipal election for the purpose of determining by majority vote of the people the question, "Shall a Commission be chosen to frame a new Charter", and for the election of a Charter Commission composed of fifteen members, the vote on said ordinance being four ayes and one nay with the Honorable Mayor voting in the negative; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance was drawn by the City Attorney in accordance with and incorporating all the safeguards contained in the Statutes of the State of Texas providing for such elections; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor A. C. White did in writing, under date of February 26, 1951, veto said ordinance, setting forth as a reason therefor, that there is no time limit in this proposed ordinance within which the Charter Commission shall report back and complete its work; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney, under date of March 5, 1951, in an oral opinion ruled that the Board of Commissioners is without authority to set a limitation as to time within which a duly elected Charter Commission shall complete its work; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners had no alternative other than to over-rule said veto, which it did under date of March 8, 1951, their wish to place a time limit in said election ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding; and

WHEREAS, it has been and continues to be the will and desire of the Board of Commissioners for and in behalf of the people of the City of San Antonio that the Charter Commission when elected take all necessary steps to expedite its work to the end that an election may be held at the earliest practicable date.

THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense of this City Council that said Charter Commission should qualify at the earliest date possible, organize and

proceed with the work of writing or amending the Charter, with all due diligence and dispatch consistent with the proper and efficient performance of this very important assignment, and that said Commission's report should be made to the governing body within a reasonable time. The City Council expresses the hope and desire and in so far as said Council is authorized by law or is not specifically inhibited thereby, does by this act direct that such report be made not later than September 30, 1951; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the suggestion and recommendation of this City Council that all candidates filing with the City Clerk for a place on the Charter Commission ballot be and are hereby urgently requested to file with the City Clerk at the same time a pledge to the people of this City that said candidate will, if elected, proceed with dispatch and make every effort to expedite and complete the required work within the time herein recommended.

PASSED this 8 day of March, A.D. 1951.

ATTEST:

Frank Gallogher  
CITY CLERK

Orlando  
MAYOR

Ray Davis  
COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION

Henry A. Hein  
COMMISSIONER OF PARKS

Raymond South  
COMMISSIONER OF FIRE & POLICE

James W. Knight  
COMMISSIONER OF STREETS

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and desire and in so far as said Council is authorized by law or ordinance to do so, to effectuate the same. It is the policy and recommendation of this City Council that all candidates filing with the Clerk for a place on the Charter Commission ballot be and are hereby gently requested to file with the City Clerk at the same time a pledge to the people of this City that if elected, it elected, proceed with dispatch and every effort to expedite and complete the required work within the time herein recommended.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**  
 Commissioners: **MAR 8 1951**  
*[Signature]*  
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PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 1951

*[Signature]*  
MAYOR

*[Signature]*  
COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION

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COMMISSIONER OF PARKS

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COMMISSIONER OF FIRE & POLICE

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COMMISSIONER OF STREETS

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CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

# VOTE

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Meeting of the City Commissioners \_\_\_\_\_, 1951

Resolution }  
Ordinance } Motion by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

	Roll Call	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay
A. C. WHITE Mayor		✓			
C. RAY DAVIS Commissioner of Taxation		✓			
HENRY F. HEIN Commissioner of Sanitation		✓			
JAMES W. KNIGHT Commissioner of Streets, etc.		✓			
RAYMOND SOUTH Commissioner of Fire & Police		✓			