

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON THURSDAY
MARCH 29, 1956 AT 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: FRIEDRICH, BAINES, PASSUR, CRUMRINE, WINTON, KUYKENDALL, OLIVARES, DANIELS,
GONZALEZ

Mayor J. Edwin Kuykendall presiding.

Invocation by Rev. L. A. (Tony) Richardson - Northwood Presbyterian Church.

On motion of Mr. Friedrich, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Friedrich, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the agenda was set aside in order to hear from the Community Welfare Council regarding a public assistance program.

Mr. James H. Turner of the committee of the Community Welfare Council stated that they had come to ask that the council establish a public assistance program. He stated that the funds of the United Fund were wholly inadequate. That the city has made great progress in every direction but we are behind in the field of public assistance.

Mr. James McKay stated that other cities are contributing substantial amounts and that San Antonio should do the same. That they were not asking that this city pioneer in this field. That San Antonio was the only major city that was not actively contributing to a public welfare program. He said that this program was for people who do not have the necessities of life because of sickness or injury. The assistance is for those who are not eligible for state or federal aid.

Mr. Reagan Houston, President of the United Fund, was next speaker. He stated that the funds they have allocated for public assistance is inadequate and they have had to steadily increase the allocation to help the needy at the expense of the other United Fund agencies, such as Boys Club, YMCA, etc. He gave facts and figures on the number of families that were being helped and needed. He asked the council to act on the proposed ordinances creating a department of public assistance; defining categories of needy persons; and creating an advisory committee to assist the director of this program.

Rev. John Daniel Brown, pastor of Terrell Hills Baptist Church was next speaker. He stated he represented a committee of Baptist Pastors Council of which there were 70 members. He stated that they took care of their own welfare work. He asked that if money was allocated out of the budget what assurances would there be that it would not grow into a Frankenstein monster. That he wanted some assurance that the welfare program would be administered by the City and not by the various religious groups. He said that he was not against public welfare.

Mr. Winton asked the city attorney if any funds of the city which are raised through taxes will have to be spent by the city and not by the welfare council or any other organizations.

Mr. Cadena stated that all funds spent by the city which ^{are} raised by taxation must be by ~~the city~~ ^{spent} under the city's control.

Mr. Winton then stated that when you try to replace something with something else then you are going to have to make a choice of doing one thing or the other. That the administration has a planned program, and that the question before the council is which is the more important, what has been planned or what is to be done about welfare. He

said he did not object to welfare but that there is a certain program planned.

Mr. Mike Cassidy was next speaker. He said he was for the welfare program as proposed because: (1) It established a welfare fund; (2) Will appoint a board or committee that will be out of politics; (3) That Mr. Winton was right; when you spend money for something it has to come from somewhere. He said that he had discussed with several friends the wheel tax, and that there were over 200,000 autos in this county. He said that you could assess at 25 cents a wheel and that would bring in over \$3,000,000 per year. He said that what impresses him the most is not those who are aged or indigent but the over 50,000 youths who will be our citizens in the next ten years. He said several YMCA's, Boys Clubs and CYO's are helped by the United Fund and when you use funds for welfare from the United Fund you take it away from our youth. He said if the city would tax a wheel tax it would greatly serve the city. He said he would like to see the welfare program.

Mr. Theo Weiss stated that no one was opposing this program. That Rev. Brown had approved of the proposed ordinances. He is in favor of a public assistance program and that it be administered in a non-sectarian manner, and we are in favor of it. Everything you do you have to control to keep it from becoming a Frankenstein monster, and getting into politics. Getting the money is the most important matter, they have asked for this program on the theory that this can be done within the present budget, and that the city will have to save here and there to provide this money. He asked immediate action on the program.

Mayor Kuykendall stated that the City Council has always cooperated with Mr. Turner and his committee. He said the council had asked for information to find out what other cities are doing and that at this point they had not received replies. He said he had asked the assistant City Manager to what extent the city would participate in public welfare. He said he had been informed that during the past year \$1,000,000 in food had been distributed through the Surplus Commodities Program at a cost of about \$30,000.00. He said that perhaps the council had made up its mind on the matter and would take some action and therefore entertain a motion.

Mr. Baines stated that he appreciated the information present and the report of the welfare committee. He said it was a matter of the taxpayer's money and that he was not convinced that the taxpayers in general were ready and willing to have this much money given for welfare. That the city had a planned program and that up to now this had not figured into it. He said that he felt that it was the county's obligation, that more people would be served and satisfied and most people would be willing to have this program if everyone was paying equally. He said that he was not ready to act on these ordinances this morning.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that his reason for not taking action today was that this ordinance is presented in an isolated fashion. That he thought the council would not pass it without knowing the effect of the ordinance. He said that he was not at all satisfied with the results and financial accountability of the present Surplus Commodities Board. He said that if passed you would have two boards and that the administrative services make a study for the purpose of consolidation of the two boards.

After further discussion Mr. Winton moved that the council take this matter under advisement for 30 days. Seconded by Mr. Baines the motion carried by the following vote: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Olivares, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

Mr. Passur left the meeting at this time.

Next matter taken up was hearing on Zoning Case No. 585 to rezone Lots 1 through 6, Block 1, New City Block 1860 located on southeast corner of Howard and Woodlawn.

Mr. William Buehler, representing Dr. Harry Woltering, stated that Lots 1 and 2 were to be used as a clinic. That the original petition asked that all six lots be changed but that the Planning Commission had only approved Lots 1 and 2. He stated that \$20,000 was going to be spent to remodel this building and that off street parking would be provided. He asked the council to grant the change.

Mr. ^{Char} Edward Duke, representing owner of Lots 13 and 14, NCB 1837 opposed the rezoning. He said that it was predominately a residential area, it is spot zoning and will depreciate the value of the property.

Mr. Joe Espey of 206 Woodlawn opposed the rezoning.

Mr. Edward Clark, representing owner of Lots 13 thru 19, NCB 1838, opposed the rezoning. He said residents have lived in the area for an average of ten years and do not want the aspect of the neighborhood changed. That if change is granted it will be but a matter of a few days before you will have to change the whole block.

Mrs. J. B. Wood stated she recently built a duplex across the street and that if she had known a clinic was going to be allowed she would not have built it.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that it appeared the Planning Commission had not had an opportunity to hear all the evidence at their hearing as presented to the council.

Mr. Friedrich moved that the matter be referred back to the Planning Commission for further study and reconsideration of factors that have been brought up. Seconded by Mr. Baines, the motion carried by the following vote: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Olivares, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Passur.

Next hearing was on Zoning Case No. 629, Proposition A, Lots 22 and 23, NCB 6769, southwest corner of Darby and Zarzamora and Proposition B, Lots 10 through 13, NCB 6317 on the northwest corner of Darby and Zarzamora. Mr. Hal Putman representing Mr. Gayle and Mr. Mario Elizondo asked for rezoning of both propositions. That the Planning Commission has approved Proposition A but denied Proposition B. He stated that a Gulf filling station was proposed to be erected on Lots 10 through 13, and not a tavern. A representative of the Gulf Oil Company showed a sketch of the proposed filling station.

On motion of Mr. Olivares, seconded by Mr. Winton, the council approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission and passed and approved the following ordinance as follows: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Olivares, Daniels,; NAYS, Gonzalez; ABSENT, Passur.

AN ORDINANCE 22,561

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. 629: THE RE-CLASSIFICATION AND RE-ZONING OF PROPERTY FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "F" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS: PROPOSITION A: LOTS 22 AND 23, N.C.B. 6769

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Mr. Charles Carroll at this time stated that at the time of the water rate hearing the council had made a policy statement that the people would get an opportunity to express their wishes as to operation of the Water Works. He said that the proposed wording of the question was vague and indefinite. He asked that the council clarify the question of operation on the ballot.

The following ordinances were passed as follows: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Olivares, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Passur.

AN ORDINANCE 22,562

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 191 FOR \$6500. ACCEPTING A DEED FROM ELOISE YOUNGBLOOD SPEAR, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,500.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 212)

AN ORDINANCE 22,563

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM FRANK A. MENDEZ AND WIFE, MODESTA MENDEZ CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PART OF LOT 12, BLOCK 17, NEW CITY BLOCK 3920, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$800.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 213)

AN ORDINANCE 22,564

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM MRS. RICA BOHMFALK, A WIDOW, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ALL OF LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 72, AND PART OF LOTS 4, 5, 6, 7, 69, 70 AND 71, BLOCK 17, NEW CITY BLOCK 7880, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$7500.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 213)

AN ORDINANCE 22,565

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM LAZARO FLORES AND WIFE, JUANITA V. FLORES, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO THE N. 5' OF LOTS 8 & 9, EAST 1/2 OF BLOCK 10, NEW CITY BLOCK 2623, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$245.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 213)

AN ORDINANCE 22,566

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM JUAN G. LOMAS AND WIFE, MARIA LOMAS, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO THE S 1/2 OF TRACT 547, HARLANDALE ACRE TRACT NO. 5, NEW CITY BLOCK 7883, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6500. TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 214)

AN ORDINANCE 22,567

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM DAVID R. OJEDA AND WIFE, ANDREA S. OJEDA CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARCEL NO. 425, BEING LOT 8, NEW CITY BLOCK 8136, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$8515.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 214)

AN ORDINANCE 22,568

APPROVING SALE OF IMPROVEMENTS, LOCATED ON PARCEL 425 TO FORMER OWNER FOR \$1,816.00 MANIFESTING A BILL OF SALE AND DIRECTING TITLE COMPANY TO RETAIN \$1,816.00 AND RETURN SAME TO CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 214)

AN ORDINANCE 22,569

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LOT 293, NEW CITY BLOCK 7851, ACCEPTING A DEED FROM JAMES R. CAIN AND WIFE, CLARA G. CAIN, CONVEYING SAME TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,600.00 TO PAY FOR SAID PROPERTY

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 215)

AN ORDINANCE 22,570

ACCEPTING CERTAIN BIDS SUBMITTED FOR THE PURCHASE AND REMOVAL OF HOUSES OWNED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FROM THE EXPRESSWAY RIGHT OF WAY, MAKING AND MANIFESTING A BILL OF SALE TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS, AND REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 215)

AN ORDINANCE 22,571

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF CAGE BROTHERS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,850.50 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE SLABS AT HARLANDALE AND LOMA PARKS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREFOR

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 216)

The vote on the following ordinance was as follows: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Crumrine, Kuykendall, Olivares, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Passur; ABSTAINING, Winton.

AN ORDINANCE 22,572

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW BIDS OF SMITH MOTOR SALES TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH ONE HALF-TON PICKUP TRUCK FOR A TOTAL OF \$1395.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 217)

The following ordinances and resolutions were passed as follows: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Olivares, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Passur.

AN ORDINANCE 22,573

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS MILITARY BASES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGAINST ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE USE OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT VEHICLES IN THE SAN ANTONIO CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN DURING THE DATES OF APRIL 9-14, 1956

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 217)

AN ORDINANCE 22,574

AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE SALE OF SEVENTY-EIGHT (78) ABANDONED AND UNCLAIMED VEHICLES, AND DIRECTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A SALE OF SAID VEHICLES IN LOTS 1 TO 78 AS MAY BE FOUND TO BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 217)

AN ORDINANCE 22,575

ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF MACK MOTOR TRUCK CORPORATION AND THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH THREE PUMPERS AND ONE AERIAL LADDER FOR A TOTAL OF \$84,967.50

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 218)

A RESOLUTION

GRANTING PERMISSION TO OPTIMIST CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO AND LIONS CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO TO STAGE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT MISSION STADIUM

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 219)

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AN ORDINANCE 22,576

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF H. B. ZACHRY CO., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,954.87 FOR THE RESURFACING OF PLEASANTON ROAD FROM SOUTH FLORES STREET TO PYRON AVENUE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREFOR; APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PAY THEREFOR, AND ESTABLISHING A CONTINGENCY FUND IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 4 1/2% OF THE CONTRACT PRICE

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 218)

AN ORDINANCE 22,577

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF H. B. ZACHRY CO., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,929.90, FOR THE RESURFACING OF SOUTH ZARZAMORA STREET FROM FRIO CITY ROAD TO NOGALITOS STREET; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREFOR; APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PAY THEREFOR AND ESTABLISHING A CONTINGENCY FUND IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 4 1/2% OF THE CONTRACT PRICE

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 219)

AN ORDINANCE 22,578

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF MCELWRATH BROS. AND W. R. RAINEY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,302.80, FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VANCE JACKSON ROAD FROM FREDERICKSBURG ROAD TO JACKSON KELLER ROAD; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREFOR; APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PAY THEREFOR, AND ESTABLISHING A CONTINGENCY FUND IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 4 1/2% OF THE CONTRACT PRICE

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 219)

A RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESURFACING OF NORTH AND SOUTH ZARZAMORA STREET FROM FRIO CITY ROAD TO FREDERICKSBURG ROAD

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 220)

AN ORDINANCE 22,579

AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE AND HOLIDAY MAGAZINE AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$5810.00 TO DEFRAY THE COST THEREOF

(Full text in Ordinance Book CC page 220)

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At this time a hearing was held to hear appeal of Willie L. Perry from suspension of taxicab drivers permit. The appellant not being present, the taxi-cab inspector explained the reasons for his action. On motion of Mr. Daniels, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez the action of the taxicab inspector was upheld by the following vote: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Olivares, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Passur.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

John Kuykendall
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ATTEST:

Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

PRE-COUNCIL MEETING

At a pre-council meeting in the Managers office, letters were read from Archbishop Robert E. Lucey, San Antonio Ministers Alliance and Bishop Jones of Diocese of West Texas. The letters commended the council for their action on desegregation and for the good work of the administration.

Mr. Passur asked that the fireworks permit fee of \$25.00 be waived in the case of the Optimist Club and Lions Club which was staging same for a strictly charitable purpose.

After much discussion Mr. Passur moved that the permit fee be waived since it was for charity and that the action taken be restricted to firework's permit fees. Seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the motion was approved by the following vote: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Olivares, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

Airport Director Walter Gunstream addressed the council and reported that the CAA has approved the Airport Master Plan in major things. He said the question of improvements came up and the United States has stated that there is no use in spending money unless the future is guaranteed. That purchase of land would do that. He said that the City had \$97,000 and that the government will match it. He recommended the City spend this money for land to show the city's good intentions and good faith. That \$184,000 would purchase about 100 acres for runway, etc.

Mr. Gonzalez asked about the possibility of putting the question of Airport bonds before the voters at the same time as the Water Board Election. That it would save the City some money. The Manager stated that if it was done he would like to see the Police Headquarters Building included. He said he would ask the Research and Planning Council to consider this.

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Mr. Winton stated he appeared before the Planning Commission and had heard remarks about the way the Commission was conducting ~~its~~ hearings. It was suggested that the council members who are ex-officio members of the Commission look into the matter.

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The Mayor read the following statement regarding Water Board Election.

The City Council is keeping its promise to afford the qualified voters an opportunity to express their wishes concerning the operation of the Water System. The Council, as such, has taken no position for or against board management. But, so that the voters may exercise their judgment on the basis of full information, the Council has decided to make the following statement:

If the voters decide against operation of the City Water System by a Board of Trustees, the Water System will be operated as a department of the City. If the voters show a preference for management of the system by a Board of Trustees, the unanimous opinion of the City Council is that the members of the Board will be nominated and appointed by the City Council, to serve for staggered terms.

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Mr. Peter Briola appeared before the council and asked for a compromise in the claim for damage by Mr. and Mrs. Donato whose property had been damaged due to the expressway project.

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Services
A letter from United Automobile Association was read commending the council for widening Hildebrand Avenue.

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The Manager presented an ordinance authorizing placing of advertising in two national magazines. After discussing the matter, Mr. Olivares moved it be approved, seconded by Mr. Friedrich, the motion carried unanimously. Official action to be taken at the regular meeting.