

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY
DECEMBER 2, 1954 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, OLIVER, RUDELOFF, DILLASHAW, RUSSELL, LACY, BARRETT, GONZALEZ

ABSENT: R. N. WHITE

Mayor Pro-tem H. L. Dillashaw presiding.

Invocation by Rev. Murray Johnson - Browning Methodist Church

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

Before the regular order of business was called, the Mayor recognized Mr. Barrett who made a report for the committee concerned with the crossing problem at James Madison School. Mr. Barrett read a report of the Traffic Engineer and Bureau of Safety with regard to use of an alternate route to approach the school by the pupils. After discussion with PTA members and others, the Director of Public Works was asked to have a report on drainage ready by next week.

The following ordinances and resolutions were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Oliver, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, R. N. White.

AN ORDINANCE 20,782

APPROPRIATING \$90.00 OUT OF THE STREET AND BRIDGE C-45 FUND, TO PAY LOUIS W. LIPSCOMB FEES IN CONNECTION WITH ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY REQUIRED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR SOUTH SIDE ARTERY (PROPOSED SEGMENT OF PROBANDT STREET)

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 406)

AN ORDINANCE 20,783

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF J. N. BOEHME AND ELIZABETH M. BOEHME AT 504 S. VANDIVER

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 406)

AN ORDINANCE 20,784

GRANTING INDALECIO CAMPOS A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL AND CONNECT AN EIGHT INCH (8") SEWER MAIN IN THE ALLEY BETWEEN RIVAS AND WEST POPLAR STREETS TO THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM AT HIS OWN EXPENSE AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO CHARGE FOR CONNECTIONS THERETO

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 407)

AN ORDINANCE 20,785

PROHIBITING FISHING IN WOODLAWN LAKE UNTIL JUNE 1, 1955, AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 408)

AN ORDINANCE 20,786

ACCEPTING TWO (2) DEEDS FROM GEORGIA CANO, ONE INDIVIDUALLY AND ONE AS GUARDIAN, EACH CONVEYING A ONE-HALF INTEREST IN AND TO LOT 13, BLOCK 3, NEW CITY BLOCK 6082, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,195.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 408)

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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE SALE OF
IMPROVEMENTS OWNED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

The following ordinance was then read by the Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE

REGULATING AND PROHIBITING PARKING ON THAT
PORTION OF HOUSTON STREET BETWEEN ALAMO AND
FLORES STREETS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING
DECEMBER 3, 1954 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Mr. Paul Caseb, Attorney for certain Houston Street merchants, protested the adoption of the ordinance and gave illustrations of how certain merchants would be very adversely affected. Mr. Gonzalez moved that the ordinance be laid on the table indefinitely. The motion carried by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Oliver, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; ABSENT, White; NAYS, none.

The following ordinances and resolution were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Oliver, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, ~~White~~, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, White.

AN ORDINANCE 20,787

GRANTING MARK B. HARRIS A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL
AND CONNECT AN EIGHT INCH (8") SEWER MAIN ON CLOVIS
PLACE, BETWEEN BURTON AND ALTURA STREETS, TO THE CITY
SEWER SYSTEM AT HIS OWN EXPENSE AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO
CHARGE FOR CONNECTIONS THERETO

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 408)

AN ORDINANCE 20,788

TO APPROPRIATE AND RE-ALLOCATE CERTAIN FUNDS TO BE
HELD IN SUSPENSE AS AN ADDITION TO THE UNALLOTTED
APPROPRIATION

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 410)

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE
PURCHASE OF THE SAM H. SCHAEFER PROPERTY NEEDED
FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR U. S. 81 SOUTH EXPRESSWAY

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 410)

Mr. Dillashaw introduced the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE OPINION THAT THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE
DEPARTMENT IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED TO BLAME FOR THE
DEATH OF OFFICER W. A. CULPEPPER

WHEREAS, the San Antonio Police Department has been charged with negligence which resulted in the death of officer W. A. Culpepper on the morning of September 11, 1954; and

WHEREAS, this council has thoroughly investigated the police reports and affidavits of witnesses to the fatality; and,

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this council that the Police Department used due diligence and took necessary precautions to ordinarily avoid any such happening; NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That this Council believes that the police department should be fully exonerated and relieved of any blame.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of December A. D. 1954.

H. L. Dillashaw
Mayor Pro-tem

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote: AYES, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, Scherlen; ABSTAINING, Russell; and Oliver, disqualifying himself.

On motion of Mr. Rudeloff, seconded by Mr. Lacy, a committee composed of three council members, the Safety Engineer, the Police Safety Inspector and City Manager was appointed to study the Houston Street Traffic situation. The Mayor appointed Gonzalez, and Lacy, Rudeloff.

The following ordinance was then read:

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMBALMING
OR DEAD ROOM TO BE SITUATED AT 101-107 KING
WILLIAM STREET

Mr. Roy Akers, the owner of the property, was allowed to address the council first in favor of the proposed ordinance. He was followed by Mr. Henry Dielmann, Attorney for residents in the vicinity and Mr. Randle Taylor, another attorney in opposition.

Mr. Lionel Goodstein, Attorney for Mr. Akers followed and then Miss Nellie Pancoast, Mrs. Lawrence Hurst and other King William Street ladies followed.

Mr. Dillashaw then spoke in favor of the ordinance, stating that the area had already deteriorated too much to be saved. On roll call, the vote was as follows: AYES, Dillashaw; NAYS, Scherlen, Oliver, Rudeloff, Russell, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez and the ordinance failed of passage.

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 referred to the City Manager for his recommendation or action.

- 11-22-54 Petition of Willie Foster, et al, requesting extension of bus service to Clark Avenue.
- 11-22-54 Petition of Trustees of Wesley Methodist Church requesting tax exemption of the E. 1.87 acres of Tract 181, Block 13, Harlandale Acre Tract #8.
- 11-22-54 Petition of Recreation Improvement Association for Southwest San Antonio Youth requesting financial and engineering assistance from the city for recreational improvements in the southwest part of the city.
- 11-22-54 Petition of James W. Price requesting refund of \$15.00 paid for Building Permit No. A-5829.
- 11-24-54 Petition of Lakeview Baptist Church requesting tax exemption of Lots 11 and 12, Block 52, NCB 3651.
- 11-24-54 Petition of Westlawn Methodist Church requesting tax exemption of Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, NCB 8228.

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

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On the motion of Mr. Lacy, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:


City ClerkADDENDUM

County Commissioner Dan Traugott appeared before the council at a pre-council session to acquaint the council with the situation prevailing with regard to purchase of Hwy 81 South Freeway Right of way in the city limits. One piece of property belonging to Sam Schaefer and wife, within the city limits, is holding up the work and the county does not have the legal right to condemn property in the City. Mr. Traugott asked that the city attempt to purchase or condemn the tract and agreed that the County would re-imburse the City by purchase of land in Precinct 102 by employment of persons in the freeway work to an amount equal to that advanced by the City. The matter was fully explained by Mr. W. P. Schulze, Assistant County Engineer.

Mr. Scherlen moved that the City Attorney draw up a resolution giving the City Manager authority to proceed to negotiate or if necessary to condemn under such an agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Mr. Ely Bergman, Chairman of the Police & Fire Civil Service Commission, asked that the council appoint 3 of its members to attend a meeting with the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission on December 6th at the Plaza Hotel to discuss the situation confronting the city with regard to proposed appointment of two Lieutenants in the Police Department. The Chair appointed Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Rudeloff, and Mr. Oliver.

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Mr. Russell brought up the subject of the contract the city has with the City of Alamo Heights for sewage disposal. He moved that the City Manager begin studies and take steps leading to a renegotiation of the contract. The motion was unanimously approved.

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The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Albert Trevino, Judge of the Corporation Court asking vacation leave from December 11 to January 3. The request was granted.

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The Clerk then read a petition from the Recreation Improvement Association for Southwest San Antonio Youth asking for additional facilities and also a report thereon by the Director of Parks and Recreation showing inability to copy at this time. The Clerk was instructed to notify the petitioners.

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