

October 30, 1952

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1952 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

WHITE, LOZANO, SCHMIDT, KELLER, SPIVEY, GERHARDT, CASSIDY, GREEMAN, STEVES

Mayor Sam Bell Steves Presiding.

Invocation by W. Earl Waldrop

On motion of Mr. Greeman seconded by Mr. Cassidy the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following ordinance was presented and was passed and approved by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE 18,454

AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 3, 1938, ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; REGULATING AND RESTRICTING THE HEIGHT, NUMBER OF STORIES AND SIZE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; PER CENT OF LOT THAT MAY BE OCCUPIED; THE SIZE OF YARDS, COURTS AND OPEN SPACES; DENSITY OF POPULATION; LOCATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, RESIDENCE AND OTHER PURPOSES; DIVIDING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INTO DISTRICTS, REGULATING AND RESTRICTING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR OR USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES OR LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICT; PROVIDING THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS FOR CLASSES OR KINDS OF BUILDINGS ON STRUCTURES AND USES WITHIN THE RESTRICTED DISTRICT; ADOPTING ZONING MAP DISCLOSING VARIOUS DISTRICTS, USE, AREAS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO DISTRICTS AND AREAS; PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND DEFINING THE POWERS THEREOF; TO RE-ZONE FROM "E" APARTMENT TO "H" LOCAL RETAIL AS FOLLOWS: PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 400 BLOCK OF WEST MYRTLE STREET BEING THE WEST 38.64 FEET OF LOT 13, NEW CITY BLOCK 1912. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS ORDINANCE OR THE OWNER OF ANY BUILDING OR PREMISES OR PART THEREOF WHERE ANYTHING IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PLACED OR SHALL EXIST, AND ANY ARCHITECT, BUILDER, CONTRACTOR, AGENTS, PERSON OR CORPORATION EMPLOYED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, WHO MAY HAVE ASSISTED IN THE COMMISSION OF ANY SUCH VIOLATION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A SEPARATE OFFENSE AND UPON CONVICTION MAY BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$100.00 AND EACH DAY SUCH VIOLATION EXISTS SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OFFENSE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 235)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,455

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF MILTON A. RYAN AT 105 NEWBURY TERRACE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 236)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

1918-A

AN ORDINANCE 18,456

TRANSFERRING \$187.72 OUT OF THE PAVING SKIP SPECIAL FUND TO GENERAL FUND-UNPLEDGED

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 237)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

APPRO. NO. 1919

AN ORDINANCE 18,457

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF WAHRMUND-LOGAN CO. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 12-INCH SANITARY SEWER MAIN ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 90 EAST FROM SALADO CREEK SANITARY SEWER MAIN TO WEST APPROXIMATELY 2250 FEET; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT; AND APPROPRIATING \$7742.30 OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 237)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,458

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF THE LOW BIDDER STARLING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, AUSTIN, TEXAS TO FURNISH ALL MATERIAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF ONE WADING POOL FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,666

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 237)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

APPRO. NO. 1920

AN ORDINANCE 18,459

ACCEPTING A CONVEYANCE FROM HARRY F. BULL, JR., JOHN HOMEN, DOMIN D. HOMEN, EMERY K. HOMEN, HELEN JOSLYN, MARCELLUS M. JOSLYN, AND GLORIA B. CHANDLER OF THE NORTH 12 1/2 FEET OFF OF LOT 133, NEW CITY BLOCK 2978 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HICKS STREET TO BE USED IN THE SAN ANTONIO URBAN EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; AND APPROPRIATING \$770.72 OUT OF THE STATE OR STATE-AID A-49 HIGHWAY BOND FUND, PAYABLE TO COMMERCIAL ABSTRACT COMPANY IN PAYMENT FOR THE ABOVE PARCEL OF LAND.

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 238)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

APPRO. NO. 1921

AN ORDINANCE 18,460

APPROPRIATING \$7580.00 OUT OF THE STATE OR STATE-AID HIGHWAYS BONDS A-49 FUND TO ALAMO TITLE COMPANY, IN PAYMENT FOR LAND TO BE CONVEYED BY R. W. PATTON, OWNING, OCCUPYING AND CLAIMING OTHER PROPERTY AS HIS HOMESTEAD, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, FOR URBAN EXPRESSWAY (SOUTH SIDE ARTERY) (4-077)

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 238)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinances be passed and the recommendation was approved unanimously by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,461

TRANSFERRING \$1850.00 FROM THE 1952 GENERAL FUND OPERATING RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE 1952 GENERAL FUND, FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO COVER COST OF EXTENDING GAS LINE TO FIRE STATION NO. 26

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 239)

AN ORDINANCE 18,461-A

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD TO EXTEND GAS FACILITIES TO FIRE STATION NO. 26

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 239)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,462

CLOSING AN ALLEY IN NEW CITY BLOCK 7731; AND MAKING QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO ARTHUR C. FORTENBERRY, ET UX

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 239)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,463

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A BILL OF SALE TO THE UNDERWOOD CORPORATION

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 240)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,464

AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED MAY 29, 1952, ENTITLED, "CREATING SIXTY-SIX POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR SAID POSITIONS AND PROVIDING THAT THE POSITIONS CREATED ARE TEMPORARY," BY AMENDING PARAGRAPHS (1) THROUGH (3) OF SAID ORDINANCE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 240)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,465

DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF WEEDS ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED LOTS IN THE CITY TO BE A NUISANCE AND ORDERING THE CITY MANAGER TO ABATE THE NUISANCE AND ASSESS THE COST OF SAME ABATEMENT AGAINST THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID LOTS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 240)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST ALAMO DRESSED BEEF CO., INC.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST DENMAN, FRANKLIN AND DENMAN

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST EARL ARMOR

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES TO ENTER UPON THE TAX ROLLS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CORRECTIONS ADJUSTMENTS, AND REMISSIONS OF TAXES IN CASES WHEREIN TAX ERRORS HAVE BEEN FOUND UPON THE TAX ROLLS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 241)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinances be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,466

GRANTING THE PETITIONS OF TEXAS CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 15 AND 16, BLOCK 8, N.C.B. 1891, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 243)

AN ORDINANCE 18,467

GRANTING THE PETITION OF THE SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON TRACT 1, NEW CITY BLOCK 9609, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 243)

AN ORDINANCE 18,468

GRANTING THE PETITION OF THE SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON W. 33 1/3 FEET OF LOT 4, AND E. 33 1/3 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 7, N.C.B. 6698, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 244)

AN ORDINANCE 18,469

GRANTING THE PETITION OF IGLESIA EVANGELICA FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 2, BLOCK 1, NCB 6767, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 244)

A letter from

AN ORDINANCE 18,470

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MOST REV. ROBERT E. LUCEY, ARCHBISHOP, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 19 & 20, BLOCK 1, N.C.B. 3975 IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 245)

AN ORDINANCE 18,471

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MOST REV. ROBERT E. LUCEY, ARCHBISHOP, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON N. PART OF LOT 21, N.C.B. 8240, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Fulltext in Ordinance Book Y. page 245)

AN ORDINANCE 18,472

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MOST REV. ROBERT E. LUCEY, ARCHBISHOP, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 14, BLOCK 4, N.C.B. 1524, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 245)

AN ORDINANCE 18,473

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MOST REV. ROBERT E. LUCEY, ARCHBISHOP, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 19, N.C.B. 3194 IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 246)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinances be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,474

GRANTING THE PETITION OF ST. ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 17, BLOCK 9, N.C.B. 9049, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 246)

AN ORDINANCE 18,475

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MOUNT OLIVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 10, BLOCK 3, N.C.B. 2324; LOTS 6, 7, 8 & 9 & 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21, BLOCK 1, N.C.B. 3037; LOTS 18 & 19, BLOCK 2, N.C.B. 3038, AND LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 6, N.C.B. 3042, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 246)

AN ORDINANCE 18,476

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MOST REV. ROBERT E. LUCEY, ARCHBISHOP, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON N. 337.9 FEET OF W. 104.4 FEET OF LOT 7A, BLOCK 8, N.C.B. 8736, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 247)

was read
 A letter from the City Manager with regard to petition of Mr. A. Fraser, Atty., for paving and cleaning of nearby properties, 700 block of East Magnolia.

A letter from the City Manager was read with regard to petition of Alamo Tennis Club for improvements on certain tennis courts.

A letter from the City Manager was read with regard to petition of Sacred Heart School for traffic light and it was reported that instructions have been issued for the installation of the light at W. Commerce and N. Trinity Streets.

A letter from the City Manager was read with regard to petition of Lucio D. Gomez, et al, requesting street repairs and garbage pick up on Linden Avenue between Huron and Somerset Road.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinances be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,477

DEDICATING A CITY-OWNED TRACT OF LAND FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES TO BE KNOWN AS STINSON PARK

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 247)

AN ORDINANCE 18,478

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF J. O. STRECH TO SELL THE CITY A GYMNASIUM BUILDING LOCATED WEST OF STINSON HOMES AT A PRICE OF \$4500.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 248)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was unanimously approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 18,479

APPROVING THE SALE TO CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE UNION OF THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN AND TO A PARCEL AND TRACT OF LAND BETWEEN N.C.B. 804 AND N.C.B. 1761

(Full text in Ordinance Book Y. page 248)

The following resolution was presented and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

A RESOLUTION

CHANGING THE DATE OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 27TH 1952 TO NOVEMBER 26TH, 1952

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The following letter was read from the City Clerk :

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

Gentlemen:

The following petitions were received by this office and then referred to Mr. C. A. Harrell, City Manager, for his attention or recommendation.

- 10-21-52 Petition of Renaud A. Martinez requesting refund of \$2000 (twenty) zoning fee.
- 10-21-52 Petition of Ike Meader, Jr. requesting refund of \$34.00 building permit fee
- 10-22-52 Petition of Mr. John S. Alvañado requesting the closing of an alley from Klein Street to Cass Avenue.
- 10-22-52 Petition of Ernesto R. Mejia requesting the graveling of Arbor Place.
- 10-22-52 Petition of John S. Alvarado requesting the paving of Forrest Avenue.
- 10-23-52 Petition of Mrs. James J. San Marco requesting refund of \$2.00 building permit fee.
- 10-27-52 Petition of The Missionary Servants of Christ requesting tax exemption of 10-35 acres of land out of Gillett Survey #91.
- 10-27-52 Petition of Joe B. Novich requesting refund of \$10.00 zoning fee.
- 10-27-52 Petition of Mr. Elmer D. Hall, et al, requesting paving of W. Mariposa Drive.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. Frank Gallagher

Hearing was held on Recommendation of the Zoning Commission to rezone Lot A Block 10101 at San Pedro Avenue and Jackson-Keller Road from "B" Residential to "F" Local Retail.

Mr. Charles Biery, Attorney for Mr. Norman Lowery, appeared to present charts, maps and plans for the improvement of the subject property, and earnestly asked that the council override the recommendation of the zoning commission and grant the change. He introduced various letters, etc and question Mr. Lowery for the council.

Mr. L. M. Bickett, representing owners of homes in W. Shearer Hills, also appeared and gave reasons for not making the change and introduced various home owners who protested. They were Mr. W. F. Hardy; Jno W. Hill, Mr. Lee and various others. After discussion the council voted to uphold the recommendation of the zoning commission and refuse the requested changes. To uphold the vote was: Ayes, White, Schmidt, Keller, Spivey, Gerhardt, Greeman and Steves; Nays, Lozano and Cassidy.

The next matter was the question of rezoning the following property from "B" to "L" 10 acre tract, part of New City Block 10,127. Mr. John Zeller, the petitioner stated the details and gave all desired information and the recommendation of the Zoning Commission was upheld by a unanimous vote of the council.

The next matter before the Council was the matter of rezoning of Lot 3, Block A, N.C.B. 8695. The proposition of Mr. Robert Walden to rezone this property was partly approved and partly denied by the Zoning Commission. The recommendation of the Zoning Commission was that the north 315 feet of this lot be rezoned from "B" to "F". Mr. Wm. Remy, Attorney for Mr. Walden, explained to the council that this property was annexed and they zoned without Mr. Waldens knowledge and no earthly reason could be shown why - Partly a home and partly vacant. No commercial zoning advisable.

Mr. Remy called upon Mr. Walden and some twenty other citizens to testify for the change. He was followed by Mr. Anderson who protested vehemently against any change in his property.

Upon Roll Call the vote was Aye: Keller, Gerhardt, Greeman, and Steves; Nays, Lozano, Schmidt, Spivey, and Cassidy. Mr. White having temporarily left the chamber the result was a tie whereupon the vote was recessed for one week.

The Mayor then asked if there were any citizens to be heard.

Mrs. Jim H. Williams read the following statement:

1. It is our understanding that a city employed chemist is supposed to be on duty 24 hours a day at the disposal plant, to insure good supervision. Can the city council assure us that such is being done?

2. We would like the invoices on the amount of chemicals bought last year and this year up to date. We would like to compare the amount of chemicals used in San Antonio, with another city of comparable size.

3. How much money is the United States Government paying the City of San Antonio for the use of our disposal plant? Is all the money being paid the City by the government being used for maintenance and upkeep only?

4. There are four covered digestive vats at the disposal, at the present time and they are not in use. Why are the people operating the plant deliberately using open vats when these covered vats are there.

5. The sewage runs to Mitchell Lake is run thru only an aerater. No chemicals what so ever is used in this treatment. Will Mr. Dickson say publicly that this water is not disease ridden?

6. Why doesn't our new city government, with all their modern ideas of educating us country folk, publicly voiced by Mrs. Gerhardt to the papers, now get busy and move this plant from the city limits.

and Mrs. Mark Dillon read the following:

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are here to state certain facts in regard to the city disposal plant and the filies being bred there. Our homes are being attacked by great swarms of flies, straight from this plant and the situation has become absolutely intolerable.

Monday when Mr. Dickson, the city health engineer, and we citizens visited the canal across Chavaneaux Road, we found raw sewage just as it was flushed out of the city toilets.

Now we want to stress the fact that the flume on Chavaneaux Road has been reopened for irrigation purposes to the property owned and operated by two of San Antonio prompt business men. It is a fact that we did see a field of okra growing beside this disease ridden ditch, and further more, we have no assurance that the okra growing there was not irrigated from this ditch. You people should know that the vegetables raised in that area find there way to the local markets and stores and perhaps your dinner table.

Mr. Dickson says the only answer to our problem is lids to cover the digestive tanks, that breed these swarms of flies and maggots. He says, however, there is no money for them and advised us to come to the city council. It is our sincere hope that you will do something immediately.

Our San Juan School is fly ridden, and we have to barricade our children in the house, depriving them of their outdoor priveleges. We beg you do do something. Any doctor will tell you that infant diarrhea is carried by flies. Year after year, San Antonio's record is the disgrace of the entire nation. 62 babies died last year and 56 to date this year. Ladies and Gentlemen this is murder!

A Mr. Lewis then made a statement with regard to the flies as did others.

After a long discussion in which Mr. Dickson, Department of Public Works, and Mr. Wells, the plant Superintendent, and Mr. Hardy, City Attorney, Mr. Harrell, City Manager, as well as councilmen all took part it was decided to use every immediate possible means to abate the fly nuisance.

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Mr. Cassidy then read the following statement:

More people are asking me -- "What's the matter with Jack White"? -- than what's the matter with the chughole streets this council inherited.

They can't understand why a man who was once the leader of the good government forces has deserted the cause. They can't understand why he should slander and vilify his fellow councilmen at public meetings.

Jack - you have slandered me and some fine gentlemen on this council behind our backs. What I have to say, I want to say to your face. I have written it out so you won't mistake what I say. I will give you a copy if you want it.

Its time the people knew that what Jack White wants is power. He is willing to align himself with the City's foremost enemies of Council-Manager and with advocates of machine politics to get that power--men like Morris Kallison who says he will gladly spend \$50,000 to wreck good government. Jack White is willing to align himself with people who are in politics for profit.

Jack White is so gullible and susceptible to flattery he has surrounded himself with political hacks and disgruntled ex-city employees because they are willing to flatter his well-known vanity.

Jack--remember how bitter you were the day we filed for office last October -- because we refused to be known as the "Jack White Ticket"?... You have never forgiven us for that. I told you I refused to carry the stigma of a political machine or a political boss--that we were council-manager candidates.

Jack--you make public speeches promising to drive City Manager Harrell, the best City Manager in the United States, and all the department heads out of town; The official records of the City Clerk here shows that Jack White voted for the manager and his salary and for the salaries of department heads. Now Jack White is asking the people to drive five of us out of office because we voted the same way Jack White voted.

If Jack White is sincere he would stop attacking our good government program. He would tell the people that San Antonio has the lowest budget of any city of similar size in Texas. He would tell them that the present administration is not only operating within its budget, but is actually spending substantially less than provided in the budget. He would tell the people that this is the first time in the history of San Antonio we ever had a budget before the start of the fiscal year.

Jack White supports the fantastic recall charge that the present City Council is going to put over a \$60,000,000 bond issue. No one has ever suggested a bond issue of more than between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000. Furthermore, no bond issue can be passed without a vote of the people--and the amount for streets, parks, sewers, etc., must be clearly stipulated. The \$60,000,000 bond issue charge is a lie of the first magnitude.

People rightfully wonder what is the matter with Jack White when he supports the recall charge that this present Council has raised the city budget from \$5,000,000 to \$16,000,000. He knows full well that we haven't had a \$5,000,000 budget in San Antonio since 1944.

Jack White has referred to his fellow councilmen as being yellow and showing cowardice and has used other low types of vilification against us. I wonder just how much courage you have, Jack? Do you have the courage to tell the people who you will install as City Manager if you ever get the power you seek?

Do you have the courage to tell the people who you would name to replace Harvey Hardy as city attorney? Who would you name to replace Finance Director Robert Temple, who has achieved the greatest delinquent tax collection in the city's history?

In your lust for power, Jack, do you have the courage to tell the people who you would name to replace Director of Public Works J. L. Dickson, who enjoys widespread state and national recognition as an engineer? Who would you name to replace Parks Director Gus Haycock, who has won nationwide recognition for his parks beautification work?

Judging from the calibre of the old line politicians Jack White has surrounded himself with in the recall effort, it is clear that he plans to restore political hacks to the City Hall scene one again.

When people ask, "What is the matter with Jack White"?, there is only one answer. He sorely misses the opportunity for stage play and personal publicity he enjoyed as Mayor under the old form of government. He doesn't like to be a member of a team. Like the little boy in the story, he says, "If I can't be captain I won't play."

It is indeed a civic tragedy that a man who once showed signs of writing a great chapter in San Antonio's history should turn his back on his city. How much better it would be if we could pull together to build a better, more beautiful city. It is tragic that a man who once carried the torch for better government should throw it away and embrace the very evil forces he once fought against.

Jack -- I don't know whether or not to believe your repeated claims that you are a sick man; But, whether you are sick or well, I say with all sincerity, I have no malice or hatred in my heart for you -- I just feel sorry for you.

Mr. White said he would reply later.

On motion of Mr. Keller seconded by Mr. Lozano the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Malassidy
MAYOR Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Paul Balogh
City Clerk
